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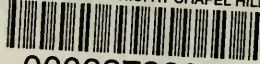


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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

HELD AT

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of three male representatives from each white Association in the State or one annual male representative appointed by the churches for every ten dollars contributed to its funds: *Provided*, that no church shall have more than ten representatives, and of such male life members as have been made so by the payment of thirty dollars at any one time to the Treasurer, for the objects of the Convention. No one shall be a member of the Convention who is not a member in good standing of a Baptist Church in fellowship with us, and no other life members shall be made.

2. The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College: to educate young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong: to encourage education among all the people of the State: to support the gospel in all the destitute sections of the State and of the Southern Baptist Convention: to send the gospel to the nations who have it not: to encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature: to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship: to encourage the proper care of indigent orphan children and destitute and aged ministers of the gospel, and to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. This Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday morning after the first Sunday in December.

4. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary and an Assistant, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and Auditor, and five Trustees, all of whom, except the Trustees (who shall serve during the pleasure of the Convention) shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside and enforce order in accordance with Dr. Mell's Parliamentary Practice. One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President.

6. The Recording Secretary and his Assistant shall record the proceedings, collect and preserve statistics of the denomination, and publish and distribute the Minutes.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all funds represented in the Convention; make public acknowledgment of the same each week through the *Biblical Recorder*; give his bond to the Trustees: forward, at least once a month, all contributions to their destination; at every meeting of the Convention make a full report of his receipts and disbursements, and, on retiring from his office, turn over to his successor all moneys, papers and books belonging thereto.

8. The Trustees shall secure and hold the title to any and all property belonging to or which may be acquired by the Convention, and take a sufficient bond of the Treasurer. The terms, conditions and amount of the bond shall be fixed by the Trustees, and in case the Treasurer shall refuse or neglect to give his bond within thirty days after his election, the Trustees shall have power to elect a Treasurer. They shall report annually to the Convention.

9. The Auditor shall, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

10. The Corresponding Secretary shall solicit contributions to the objects of the Convention : assist the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools in the employment and payment of missionaries, and labor to promote the cultivation and development of Christian benevolence.

11. The Education Board shall, so far as it may be able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the gospel.

12. The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools shall encourage the churches to give liberally to all the objects of the Convention ; so far as the means at its disposal will allow, supply all destitute portions of the State with faithful and efficient ministers of the gospel ; give pecuniary aid, as far as can be secured, for building houses of worship at proper points in the State, and in cases where pecuniary aid can not be given, commend them to the beneficence of the churches ; encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and a sound religious literature in the homes, in the churches and in the Sunday Schools ; encourage Sunday School Conventions and Institutes ; continue, and so far as it may be able and the growth of this work may require, enlarge the Baptist Book Store, and cooperate with all missionary and Sunday School work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

13. That a committee of fifteen members of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools be appointed, to whom shall be entrusted the Sunday School and Colportage work conducted by the Convention, the committee to be selected by the Convention annually. That it shall be the duty of the committee to manage the Baptist Book Store at Raleigh, and to them shall be committed the appointment of a Sunday School Secretary, or Secretaries, to prosecute the Sunday School work within the bounds of the Convention. That the committee shall provide for establishing new Sunday Schools and increasing the efficiency of existing Sunday Schools, for holding Sunday Schools Institutes in the different Associations of the Convention, and to organize the Baptist Sunday School workers of the State. The committee is directed to report to the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, and through them to the Baptist State Convention annually.

14. There shall be an Auditor of the Baptist Book Store who, prior to each annual meeting of the Convention, shall examine carefully all the receipts, disbursements and expenditures, vouchers, papers, books and stock on hand, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the report on the Book Store.

15. The Boards shall be appointed annually, and report to each session of the Convention.

16. The Convention year shall close one week before the annual meeting of the body.

17. The Boards of the Convention shall fix the compensation of their respective officers, and that of the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

18. The Constitution may be changed or amended at any annual session by two-thirds of the representatives present voting in the affirmative.



COLUMBUS DURHAM.

BORN APRIL 28, 1844. DIED NOVEMBER 14, 1895.

A master workman in the building of the Convention.

MINUTES

OF THE

North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

GREENVILLE, N. C., *December 8, 1898.*

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention met in its Sixty-Eighth Annual Session with the Baptist Church of Greenville, N. C., at 8 p. m., Thursday, December 8, 1898.

The audience sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and R. R. Overby led in prayer.

The introductory sermon was then preached by W. S. Penick, Elizabeth City. Text: Acts. vi. 2-7.

The following were appointed a Committee on Enrollment: J. W. Bailey, H. M. Shaw, W. H. Ragsdale, T. M. Pittman, C. J. Hunter, T. B. Wilder, C. J. D. Parker. The Committee immediately performed its work, and reported 127 messengers present.

On motion of A. M. Simms, R. H. Marsh was reelected President of the Convention.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention: R. G. Kendrick, W. A. Smith, N. L. Shaw, J. A. McKaugban, H. H. Mashburn, L. M. Curtis, A. W. Early.

The following were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body: R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; O. F. Flippo, of the American Baptist Publication

Society, Philadelphia; J. R. Sampey, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Thomas Needham, evangelist, Waynesboro, Va.; James Nelson, of the Woman's College, Richmond; C. F. James, of Roanoke College; A. M. Croxton, new pastor at Monroe; W. M. Vines, new pastor at Asheville; J. F. Love, Suffolk, Va.; Rufus Weaver, of the *Seminary Magazine*, Louisville; N. M. Watson, pastor of the Methodist Church of Greenville; A. E. Dickenson, editor *Religious Herald*, Richmond.

R. G. Kendrick, for the Committee to nominate remaining officers of the Convention, made the following report, which was adopted: Vice Presidents, Noah Biggs, W. L. Poteat and L. Johnson; Secretary, N. B. Broughton; Assistant Secretary, H. C. Moore; Treasurer, J. D. Boushall; Auditor, Walters Durham; Corresponding Secretary, John E. White.

The address of welcome was delivered by A. W. Setzer, pastor of Greenville Baptist Church. Response on the part of the Convention was made by J. S. Hardaway, of Oxford.

The following Committee on Order of Business was appointed: N. L. Shaw, J. C. Caddell, J. E. White, J. D. Boushall, C. E. Gower, E. E. Hilliard, C. J. Woodson.

N. L. Shaw, for the Committee on Order of Business, made the following partial report, which was adopted:

FRIDAY.—9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, conducted by Dr. Overby.

10 a. m.—Reports of the different Boards of the Convention.

10.30 a. m.—Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

11.30 a. m.—Reception of Committee representing Associations of former Western Conventions.

1 p. m.—Adjournment.

The Convention then adjourned with benediction by Secretary J. M. Frost, of Nashville.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

GREENVILLE, N. C., *December 9, 1898.*

The Convention reassembled at 9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. R. Overby, who read Psalm ciii. Prayer was offered by T. E. Skinner and C. W. Scarborough.

The Minutes of last night were read and approved.

Corresponding Secretary John E. White presented the Sixty-Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, which was received, and on motion of R. T. Vann was referred to appropriate committees:

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In rendering its annual report of the work committed to its direction, the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools feels honored in saluting the Convention on the spot of its birth.

The brave and devoted spirits who came together here in this town in that historic meeting of March 26, 1830, to give reality of fact and form to the dream of Martin Ross in the organization of the Baptist State Convention, could not without divine prescience have foreseen that in little over a half century such a gathering as this in extension of their humble labors would assemble here as that which to-day your Board greets in the sixty-eighth annual session of the Convention.

May we not be permitted to indulge the solemnizing faith that from the summits of eternity that noble circle of founders are looking down upon this scene with heavenly pride and solicitude, and to express the hope that throughout the whole session of your body we all may be responsive to the high and generous spirit which was characteristic of these men who laid the foundation of our denominational progress.

Your Board would take this occasion to invite the attention of the Convention briefly to the encouraging retrospect which its meeting in this place so suggestively affords. In the address which was sent out sixty eight years ago to the Baptists of North Carolina from that memorable meeting here, it was said that the Convention which had just been formed promised more to the Baptists of North Carolina than any human institution ever yet offered to their consideration, and that it would exist and multiply its advantages

“when its projectors and present supporters had rested from their labors amid the clods of the valley.” How bold the faith of such a prophecy! But was ever a prophecy more literally fulfilled in the history of the world? The Convention has existed—it has multiplied its advantages—though those who projected it and supported it in its infancy have long ago rested from their labors “amid the clods of the valley.”

In 1830 its active supporters numbered but a handful; in 1898 it rejoices in the love and support of thousands. Then there were only three associations in cooperation in its work; now there are fifty five. Then there were only 272 Baptist churches in the whole State; now there are 2,500. Then only 15,000 Baptists; now a quarter of a million. In the first year of the Convention's history the total amount of missionary contributions was only \$495.73 1-2; now, according to the report of the Convention's Treasurer, we have contributed this year to missions \$30,000. Then only four missionaries were at work in State Missions; now, 103. Then Wake Forest College existed only as a dream, according to many impossible of realization; now that dream has been carved into four splendid buildings of brick, a faculty numbering twelve members, a student body of about 260, and an endowment of over \$200,000. Then, no thought of female education; now, the Baptist Female University soon to be opened to the women of the State, the Chowan Female Institute with its unequalled history, and the popular Seminary at Oxford. Then, no Baptist school for secondary education; now, 49 academies and high schools in direct cooperation with Wake Forest College owned or controlled by Baptists. The retrospect can but awaken in all our hearts a deep feeling of gratitude to God for what under His guidance we have been permitted to accomplish for the cause of the gospel. And it should inspire us as we are about to enter the open door of a new century to press forward with confidence and zeal in the fulfillment of our mission in the world.

THE YEAR 1898.

Your Board congratulates the Convention that the year just ended has been in all departments of the work a year of great harmony and progress. The year 1898 will take its place in history as an epochal period viewed from various standpoints. In our political relationship we have seen God's hand laid on our Nation to lead it out into strange and untried national responsibilities. Almost without warning we find ourselves sponsors for human liberty throughout the world. In our relationship as Christians and Southern Baptists it is marked by the crash of crumbling barriers and wide-swing doors of opportunity in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. Suddenly, though not without warning, we find ourselves

confronted by a responsibility which would be appalling were it not that for many years God has been preparing the Baptists of the South for this day of His Kingdom. Nor are these far-reaching developments the only manifestations of Divine Providence in the year now drawing to a close. As North Carolina Baptists, we confront new conditions. For the first time since 1845, the Baptist State Convention will occupy the entire territory of North Carolina. A delegation of brethren representing the Buncombe County, the Carolina, the Haywood County, the Liberty-Ducktown, the New Found, the Tennessee, the Transylvania, the Tuckasegee and the Western Associations, which were formerly organized as the Western North Carolina Convention, are in attendance upon your body to present the action of that Convention taken October 21, in a proposition to unite with the Baptist State Convention. They feel assured of a hearty reception at your hands. They bring to us strength, not unmixed with great responsibility. Their union with us presents to the Convention a new situation, involving issues of great importance. Such are the conditions in this new territory that it appears highly important to your Board that without delay we should seal our union with the spirit of earnest cooperation with our western brethren in an aggressive effort to develop the well-known resources of power in that section. Therefore your Board, as the executive servant of the Convention, begs leave to propose the following recommendations with reference to the work in western North Carolina.

1. That the Convention endorse the proposed annual meeting of western North Carolina Baptists for the discussion of Missions, Education and other related subjects, to the end that the missionary spirit may be stimulated, missionary information disseminated, educational enterprises encouraged, and the pastors and churches brought into personal contact and intimate fellowship in their work—with the suggestion that this proposed meeting shall be held not only for the benefit of the former territory of the Western Convention, but for the entire mountain section of the State.

2. That for reasons of convenience, and that the churches be spared no encouragement in the duty of Christian beneficence, the Convention authorize the selection of an Assistant Treasurer for the funds contributed to different objects, who shall be located in the western territory, and who shall make regular monthly remittances by check or voucher to the Treasurer of the Convention.

3. That the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools be instructed to select and secure a general missionary or missionaries for the mountain section of the Convention, who shall work under the direction of the Board.

4. The Convention appoint a committee to confer as soon as pos-

sible with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to educational and mission work in western North Carolina, seeking the cooperation of that Board in securing funds necessary to maintain a general missionary or missionaries, and to provide assistance for such destitute points as may need our help.

STATE MISSIONS.

At the first meeting of this Convention on the date of its organization, steps were taken as a duty of primary necessity to prosecute the work of State Missions. The Constitution, adopted March 26, 1830, among other things declared, that one of the primary objects of this Convention shall be "the employment of missionaries within the limits of this State." And with the organization of the Convention the work was begun, and men at once selected to begin the enterprise of evangelizing the State of North Carolina. In that retrospect which forms the introduction to this report, in which some statement is made of the remarkable progress of North Carolina Baptists during the sixty-eight years of our Conventional history, it might have been appropriately stated that the chief agency under God in this growth and development of the Baptist cause has been the work of State Missions. In the history of this work State missionaries have organized more than five hundred Baptist churches, more than one-third of our total number of churches. In every way, both directly and indirectly, the objects of this Convention and the purposes for which it was founded have been advanced step by step as we have prosecuted our State Mission work. A striking instance of its direct influence in the work of Foreign Missions is seen in the fact that 100 churches in 100 railroad towns where the Baptist cause was begun or aided by the Board, not to speak of the hundreds of well-to-do Baptist churches in other towns and country places, last year contributed over \$3,000, or nearly one-half of the total amount given by North Carolina Baptists, for Foreign Missions.

The year just ended has been a year of enthusiasm and activity in this work, and your Board is encouraged to believe that the work of State Missions is to-day more deeply entrenched in the sympathies of our people and can rely upon their support more fearlessly than ever before in our history. Noteworthy among the points for encouragement in the work this year, we call attention to two facts: 1. The increased number of laymen who take decided and prominent interest in our efforts to supply the destitution within the bounds of their associations. In several instances new executive committees have been selected from this class of our brethren and we may expect that the work next year will feel the effect of such

intelligent cooperation—so essential to the best results in State Mission work. Those who understand the nature of State Mission work, appreciate the great practical importance of this fact. 2. The increasing disposition of associations to do their mission work through the Board; either directly committing it to its supervision, or in closer cooperation with it. The point has been carefully guarded in bringing this about, that no impression be made that the Board in any sense is assuming any responsibility except that of a servant. The associations are still responsible through their executive boards for the support of missionaries. The result of this is to give unity and coherence to State Missions as viewed by the Convention, and to broaden the sympathies of associations, encouraging them to look beyond their own bounds to needs of the whole State.

ENLARGEMENT.

Your Board presents a matter which, it is hoped, will receive the earnest consideration of the Convention in its present session. The progress of the work has brought us to the point when your Board feels we must consider the necessity of enlarging our operations in State Missions.

In several associations in which large areas of destitution exist missionaries are forced to serve from six to ten different points, some of which are distant from the central station, frequently as much as thirty miles. In one instance, the missionary must ride forty miles from his home to reach one of his regular appointments. It must be clear that the most effective work can not be done under such circumstances. Also, instead of diminishing, as some would expect, the number of points to be occupied on our developing fields steadily increases. As the work prospers, the calls for the missionary's labors from unexpected quarters come without any special effort on his part to establish an interest at new points. That this has been generally true during the past year, is seen from the fact that at the end of the first quarter our missionaries reported only 212 mission stations, and on the first of October this number had increased to 358. It is seen, therefore, that many fields need to be divided, the effect of which will be to intensify missionary effort. Attention is also called to the fact that at present we are only half supplying the need at factory towns for missionary work. There are over two hundred cotton mills in North Carolina, and a factory population of about 25,000 people. Yet we have only 14 missionaries who are working any portion of their time among factory people. The need for improvement at this point is obvious. Again, our present arrangement for Sunday School work has brought an additional burden to the Board. That arrangement is made necessary by the fact that no funds are provided by our churches to

support a separate department of Sunday School work. On the present plan, unless money to sustain it is provided from other sources, appropriations will be necessary from State Mission funds. To this there is no objection, as it is the proper and legitimate work for your Board of Missions and Sunday Schools. We merely suggest that if we are to go forward in the prosecution of this work, we must increase the resources of the Board. Now add to these and other demands for the enlargement of the Board's work the additional field of activity which comes with the union of the two Conventions, and the imperative character of our situation will appeal to the most conservative. We therefore submit to the Convention for determination the following recommendations:

1. That in view of the increased territory to be occupied, and the increasing demands from the Board for assistance for newly opened and developing fields, and from the growing interest in our Sunday School work, the Convention consider whether or not the time has come to increase our State Mission operations from a \$15,000 basis to a \$20,000 basis for the ensuing year.

2. That some decided and well-considered action be taken to present to the churches, to the pastors, and the individuals, the absolute nature of the necessity for largely increased contributions for State Missions.

THE BOARD'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

There was a fear on the part of many even as late as October the 1st that we would end the year with a debt of not less than \$2,000; conditions existed calculated to discourage the most sanguine. The low prices of farm produce, of cotton especially, which reached the lowest price in its history, created a widespread and general disappointment in every section of the State. During the months of September and October, in which we realize generally two-thirds of our State Mission receipts, the State was torn from center to circumference with an exciting and unusually violent political campaign, which penetrated to the remotest country districts. During this time it commanded almost a monopoly of public and private attention. As is known to all, great effort was made to impress the needs of our work upon pastors and people.

It is but just to say that responses to this effort were most gratifying. During the month of November we received over \$4,000 in cash. Hope was entertained to the last moment that we would have no debt. We regret, however, that we are forced to report a debt to our missionaries of \$664.63. Reference to the report of last year will show that we reported a debt of \$350 to the missionaries. This has been paid. Reference to the Treasurer's report for last year will show that we had an overdraft of \$1,069.22. On this there

is still due a balance of \$1,061.07. The Board would suggest that, as the amounts due the missionaries is, in every case small, we can carry the indebtedness until the end of the first quarter, February 1, without serious embarrassment, relying upon an extra effort meanwhile to liquidate it. In many respects our Treasurer will submit report of the best financial record ever made by the Convention.

During the twelve months we have received more money for State Missions, as will be shown by Treasurer's report, than in any previous year of the Convention's history.

Again we call the attention of the Convention to the importance of some provision for the payment of our missionaries quarterly. To allow the great bulk of the money to be collected in four weeks of the year is expensive, unbusiness-like and discouraging. It is unbusiness-like, as no board can wisely plan the expenditure of missionary money, not knowing whether or not there will be money on hand to meet the imperative necessities of the missionary. It is discouraging alike to the Board and the missionaries. It is a hardship of peculiar magnitude. Our missionaries are compelled to suffer, when to their absolute need the Board is unable to make any response. Reliance upon an uncertain or a delayed income is an easy method to incur a debt, and a debt upon a missionary treasury is a mortgage the very existence of which crushes enthusiasm, dashes hope, creates distrust, and encourages faultfinding. The time has come for us to reform our faulty methods of conducting the Lord's business. It has been ascertained that a bank in Raleigh will be glad to serve the Board in some arrangement which will enable us to pay our missionaries at the end of each quarter, and we would suggest that the Convention authorize the Board to effect such an arrangement if it can be done to the advantage of the work.

OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FIELDS OF LABOR.

The Board presents in this report a full and complete record of all its appropriations from State Mission funds during the year, and also the amount contributed through the executive committees of the associations, as approved by the Board and entered as a part of the work of State Missions.

Ashe and Alleghany: E. Blevins—4 points in Alleghany County; appropriation by Board, \$25; Association, \$25. T. M. Duncan—7 points in Ashe County; appropriation by the Board, \$25; Association, \$75.

Atlantic Association: R. D. Carroll—6 points in Carteret County; by Board, \$75. Geo. D. Styron—3 points in Onslow County; by Board, \$75. H. H. Mashburn—Tabernacle, Newbern; by Board, \$300. J. M. Alderman—5 points in Jones and Craven counties; by Board, \$150. D. P. Harris—6 points in Pamlico County; by Board,

\$200. J. W. Rose—7 points in Wavne and Lenoir; by Board, \$100. W. L. Bilbro—4 points in Pitt County; by Board, \$175.

Beulah Association: D. J. Harris—points in Caswell County; by Board, \$50; by Association, \$50. J. H. Lambeth—points in Caswell County; by Association, \$100.

Bladen Association: R. L. Byrd—points in Bladen County; by Board, \$25.

Brushy Mountain Association: A. T. Pardew, evangelist—Wilkes County; by Association, \$75.

Catawba River Association: W. F. Mull—Connelys Springs; by Board, \$50.

Cape Fear Association: J. J. Adams—Southport; by Board, \$100. J. T. Betts; by Association, \$150. C. F. Ramsbottom. T. J. Cobb. G. W. Harmon.

Cedar Creek Association: E. J. Edwards—Smyrna, in Sampson County; by Association, \$36. W. R. Johnston—points in Cumberland County; by Association, \$36.

Central Association: A. L. Betts, city missionary; by Committee, \$300.

Chowan Association: W. R. Carrawan—6 points in Hyde County; by Board, \$175. E. S. Pierce—points in Beaufort and Hyde counties; by Yeopim Union, \$125.

Columbus Association: A. H. Porter—Smyrna, Columbus County; by Board, \$50.

Eastern Association: F. H. Farrington—Southside, Wilmington; by Board, \$250; First Church, \$150.

French Broad Association: T. M. Honeycutt—general missionary Madison County; by Board, \$300; by Association, \$300.

Green River Association: J. C. Sorrells—6 points in McDowell County; by Board, \$300. J. M. Walker—2 points in Rutherford and McDowell counties; by Board, \$75.

Kings Mountain Association: G. M. Webb—at Cherryville and McDensville; by Board, \$100.

Liberty Association: Henry Sheets—Southside; by Board, \$25. W. H. Rich—Orphanage Church; by Board, \$200.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association: J. J. Payseur, Concord; by Board, \$375. L. R. Pruett—Charlotte Missions; by Board, \$300; Tryon Street Church, \$160. S. F. Conrad—Olivette Church; by Board, \$100.

Mount Zion Association: F. L. Cleveland—Chapel Hill; by Board, \$150. W. A. Crabtree—Orange Factory; by Association, \$40.00. J. M. Holleman—Pleasant Hill; by Association, \$25.00. P. A. Ferguson—Glenco; by Association, \$25.00. J. M. Hilliard—Mt. Adar; by Association, \$50.00. J. W. Watson—Cool Spring; by Association, \$25.00.

Little River Association: J. A. Campbell—Benson; by Board, \$40. A. N. Campbell—Pleasant Ridge; by Association, \$20.56. R. J. Bennett—Pleasant Ridge; by Association, \$4. H. W. Graham—Mt. Tabor; by Association, \$20.56. J. M. Holleman—Lillington; by Association, \$20.56. N. H. Gibbs—Pine Forest and New Life; by Association, \$21.24. J. V. DeVenny—Coke's School House, \$25.04. Wm. Rogers—Black's School House; by Association, \$17.56.

Pee Dee Association: T. S. Wright—Factory Point; by Association, \$100.

Piedmont Association: J. L. Lane—Gibsonville and Summerfield; by Board, \$50. J. M. Hilliard—Cherry Street; by Board, \$300. Thos. Carriek—Liberty; by Board, \$75. J. A. Hackney—Macedonia; by Board, \$25. Jas. Jordan—Central Falls; by Board, \$50.

Pilot Mountain Association: G. V. Tilley—Broad Street, Winston; by Board, \$200. W. H. Wilson—by Association, \$100. C. C. Haymore—by Board, \$50; by Association, \$70. P. Oliver—by Association, \$20. J. B. Richardson—Spray; by Association, \$100. R. M. Loftis—by Association, \$25. C. C. Arrington—by Association, \$12.50. R. W. Crews—by Association, \$20. C. W. Glidewell—by Association, \$35.

Raleigh Association: J. W. Suttle—Johnston County; by Board, \$300. B. L. Hoge—Johnston County; by Board, \$150. A. A. Pippen—Wilson County; by Board, \$50. L. A. Loyd—Nash County; by Board, \$12.50.

Robeson Association: R. A. Moore—Blue Springs Township; by Association, \$200. W. M. Jones—Maxton; by Association, \$175. J. J. Scott—Robeson County; by Association, \$50. J. A. Smith—Robeson County; by Association, \$75. A. R. Pittman—Robeson; by Association, \$75. J. W. Cobb—Robeson County; \$25.

Sandy Creek Association: J. M. White—Cameron; by Board, \$20.

South Fork Association: V. L. Vipperman—Newton; by Board, \$125. A. M. Ross—Bessemer City; by Board, \$25; by Association, \$25. D. P. Bridgers—Maple Grove; by Association, \$50. J. A. Hoyle—Riverview; by Association, \$50. J. F. Morris—Bennington; by Association, \$50.

South River Association: John Prevatte—Sampson County; by Association, \$300.

South Yadkin Association: J. L. Shinn—Mooresville; by Board, \$250. D. P. Bridgers—Beulah; by Board, \$25; by Association, \$50. S. J. Beeker—Advance; by Board, \$25. J. N. Stallings—Rowan field; by Board, \$400.

Stanly Association: J. A. McKaughan—Albemarle; by Board, \$100.

Stone Mountain Association: D. J. Roberts—Wilkes County; by

Board, \$50. Grant Cothren—Wilkes County; by Board, \$40. C. E. Blevins—Wilkes County; by Board, \$20.

Tar River Association: G. L. Merrell—Hobgood; by Board, \$150; by Association, \$150. R. H. Herring—Halifax; by Board, \$50; by Association, \$50. F. T. Wooten—Plymouth; by Board, \$50. G. L. Finch—Plymouth; by Board, \$100; by Association, \$100. N. S. Jones—Tarboro; by Board, \$250; by Association, \$250. D. B. Rickard—Eagles; by Board, \$50; by Association, \$50. W. A. Ayers—by Board, \$50; by Association, \$50. M. L. Kesler—Rocky Mount; by Board, \$50. J. N. Booth—Washington; by Board, \$300; by Association, \$300. J. W. Powell—Juvenile School House; by Board, \$50; by Association, \$50. R. G. Kendrick—Roanoke Rapids; by Board, \$100; by Association, \$50. A. G. Wilcox—Bethlehem; by Association, \$50. A. A. Pippin—Castalia; by Association, \$12. J. W. Sledge—Nash County; by Association, \$25. L. A. Loyd—Crocker's Chapel; by Association, \$22.

Three Forks Association: C. S. Farthing—Watauga County; by Association, \$20.

Union Association: J. L. Bennett—Union County; by Board, \$50.

West Chowan Association: M. L. Green—Pine Forest; by Board, \$25. S. B. Barnes—Hillside; by Board, \$35. B. Leggett—Bertie County; by Board, \$110.

J. A. Whitted—cooperation General Missionary Board, \$277.38.

P. F. Maloy—cooperation District Missionary Board, \$150.

A. B. Vincent—cooperation District Missionary Board, \$150.

C. C. Summerville—cooperation District Missionary Board, \$150.

John E. White, Corresponding Secretary, salary and expenses, \$815.

J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, salary, \$75.

B. W. Spilman, Sunday School Missionary, salary and expenses, \$603.56.

Miss L. W. Partin, Stenographer, \$35.

Mission Rooms, rents and incidentals, postage, etc., \$194.35.

Woman's Central Committee, \$14.44.

N. B. Broughton and H. C. Moore, Secretaries, \$50.

Expenses Volunteer Missionaries, \$61.40.

Printing Minutes of Convention, \$20.00.

STATISTICS OF WORK.

The following, which has been gathered from quarterly reports of missionaries, will give a partial idea of what they have accomplished during the year just ended:

Number of sermons preached	6,721
Churches supplied	239
Out-stations supplied	119
Persons and families religiously visited	15,022

Persons baptized.....	\$1,436
Number added by letter.....	1,045
Protracted meetings held.....	270
Professed conversions.....	1,796
Houses of worship building.....	83
Houses of worship finished this year.....	25
Assisted in the organization of churches.....	29
Number of Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	\$1,300
Number of denominational tracts distributed.....	15,445
Money collected for support of pastor on field.....	\$19,333.60
For building or repairing house of worship.....	5,279.35
Value of church property on fields.....	124,500.00
For State Missions.....	788.54
For Associational Missions.....	342.36
For Foreign Missions.....	489.83
For Home Missions for Southern Baptist Convention.....	284.48
For Ministerial Education.....	360.00
For Baptist Orphanage.....	702.98
For Sunday Schools and colportage.....	108.71
For other objects.....	1,909.16

Report of Sunday School work of missionaries for the year is as follows:

Number of Sunday Schools on fields.....	203
Number of pupils enrolled in same.....	11,765
Number of officers and teachers.....	2,363
Number of conversions from these schools.....	377
Members of church at work in Sunday Schools.....	3,306
New schools organized this year.....	73
Schools visited.....	274
Contributions for school expenses.....	\$1,017.66
Contributions for State Missions.....	88.33
Contributions for other objects.....	199.55

THE VOLUNTEER MISSION CORPS.

Immediately following the Convention at Oxford a movement was inaugurated in voluntary mission work which has become well known as the Volunteer Mission Corps; eighty-six of our ablest pastors enlisted for a term of four years, agreeing to give, without remuneration, ten days each year to missionary effort, to go whenever and wherever directed, the Board agreeing to pay necessary railroad expenses. The purposes of this movement are well known, and commend themselves to the judgment of all acquainted with our work in North Carolina. These purposes have been measurably accomplished, so far as could be expected in a newly organized

effort. Our missionaries have been reinforced with strong help and greatly encouraged in their labors. The Baptist cause, wherever the volunteer missionaries have gone, has gained prestige, and much direct gain has come to the churches where meetings were held. To the denomination as a whole, the movement has imparted the spirit of aggression in evangelistic work. Pastors—before only remotely acquainted with the real character of our mission work—have been brought into direct contact with the missionaries and their fields of labor. It is the common expression of the volunteer brethren, that they were not only able to accomplish good for those among whom they labored, but that they themselves having seen the destitution personally, and the emphatic need for State Mission work, are able to present this cause to their churches with an intelligence and enthusiasm impossible before.

The following indicates the disposition which was made of our volunteer mission forces. It was to be regretted that in several instances there was failure to hold the meetings at places at times appointed, but with these exceptions there was a gratifying compliance with all appointments.

Atlantic Association—

- Trenton—Rev. J. H. Lambeth, Lexington.
- Maysville—John Douglass, Clinton.
- Spring Garden—John Lewis, Morehead City.
- Truitts—O. L. Stringfield, Raleigh.
- Second Church, Goldsboro—J. N. Booth, Washington.
- Union—T. G. Wood, Belcross.
- Cool Springs—Rev. L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.
- Castoria—Rev. N. P. Stallings, Moyoek
- Smyrna—Rev. R. G. Kendrick, Weldon.
- Vandemere—Rev. James Long, Goldsboro.
- Bayboro—Rev. Josiah Elliott, Hertford.
- New Hope—Rev. M. L. Kesler, Rocky Mount.

Green River Association—

- McDowell County, Curtis Creek—Rev. G. L. Finch, Williamston.
- Clear Creek—Rev. J. E. Herring, Henrietta.
- North Cove—Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Hickory.
- Turkey Cove—Rev. C. L. Greaves, Pittsboro.
- Peppers Creek—Rev. W. M. Jones, Maxton.
- Green Mountain—Rev. J. S. Hardaway, Oxford.
- Macedonia—Rev. J. A. McKaughan, Albemarle.
- Harmony Grove—Rev. J. L. Shinn, Mooresville.
- Hall Town—Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, Wilkesboro.
- Zion Hill—Rev. W. H. Rich, Thomasville.
- Catawba—Rev. W. C. Tyree, Durham.

Henry Station—Rev. M. E. Parrish, Salisbury.

Head Buck Creek—Rev. J. N. Stallings, Salisbury.

Armstrong's Cove, and other points—Rev. C. D. Graves, S. B. T. S., Louisville, Ky.

Chowan Association—

Hyde County—Rev. G. L. Finch, Williamston.

Juniper Bay—Rev. W. B. Waff, Reynoldson.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association—

Phaniels—Rev. A. A. Butler, Franklinton.

Mount Pleasant—Rev. H. H. Mashburn, Newbern.

Cold Water—Rev. G. J. Dowell, Lumberton.

Rock Hill—Rev. F. L. Cleveland, Chapel Hill.

Harrisburg—Rev. H. A. Brown, Winston.

12th Street, Charlotte—Rev. S. J. Porter, Morganton.

Dillworth—Rev. A. C. Cree, Wake Forest.

Huntersville—Rev. R. L. Patton, Morganton.

Long Creek—Rev. B. K. Mason, Marion.

Friendship—Rev. J. M. White, Apex.

South Yadkin Association—

Hertford—Rev. J. P. Spence, Advance.

Beulah—Rev. J. A. Stradley, Oxford.

Mooresville—Rev. T. J. Taylor, Warrenton.

Gay's Chapel—Rev. M. A. Adams, Raleigh.

Cleveland—Rev. T. B. Justice, Rutherfordton.

James Cross Roads—Rev. C. B. Justice, Rutherfordton.

China Grove—Rev. C. W. Scarboro, Murfreesboro.

Faith—Rev. A. B. Hunter, Cary.

Spencer—Rev. G. H. Church, Statesville.

Calvary—Rev. C. H. Durham, Gastonia.

Hall's Cross Roads—Rev. J. J. Payseur, Concord.

Mount Vernon—Rev. T. Carrick, High Point.

Providence—Rev. R. W. Weaver, S. B. T. S., Louisville, Ky.

Corinth—Rev. J. A. Mundy, Reidsville.

South Fork Association—

Lincolnton—Rev. Thos. Hume, Chapel Hill.

Newton—Rev. R. F. Treadway, Shelby.

Point near Newton—Rev. J. T. Edmundson, Vaughan.

Startown—Rev. W. H. Wilson, Madison.

Raleigh Association—

Smithfield—Rev. J. E. White, Raleigh.

Tar River Association—

Rocky Mount—Rev. W. P. Hines, Richmond, Va.

N. Rocky Mount—Rev. J. F. Love, Suffolk, Va.

Mildred—Rev. L. Johnson, Greensboro.

School House—Rev. J. W. Kramer, Wilmington.

Everetts—Rev. B. Craig, Tarboro.
 Halifax—Rev. J. D. Moore, Red Springs.
 Enfield—Rev. A. M. Simms, Raleigh.
 Washington—N. B. Broughton, Raleigh.
 Washington—Rev. J. W. Carter, Raleigh.
 Elm City—Rev. J. Q. Adams, Wadesboro.
 Tillery—Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.
 Hobgood—Rev. J. D. Hufham, Henderson.
 Dismal School House—Rev. J. E. White, Raleigh.
 Eagles—Rev. Geo. W. Duke, Dukes.
 Point near Washington—Rev. W. F. Watson, Edenton.
 D. B. Ricard's Field—Rev. Henry Sheets, Lexington.
 Gethsemane—Rev. L. M. Curtis, Aulander.
 Point near Wilson—Rev. O. C. Horton, East Durham.
 Point near Williamston—Rev. Forest Smith, Louisburg.
 Dawsons—Rev. J. G. Blalock, Rockingham.
 Dawsons—Rev. G. J. Dowell, Lumberton.
 Tarboro and other points—Rev. J. E. Hudson, Richmond, Va.
 Weldon—Rev. A. C. Barron, Charlotte.

The following is a report in totals of the work done by the Volunteer Mission Corps: Number of days of service, 416; number of sermons preached, 726; number of inquirers in meetings, 621; number of conversions, 319; collections for State Missions, \$333.37; railroad expenses, \$348.17.

The success which has attended this movement, the spirit of sympathy and enthusiasm which it has engendered among the brethren, entitles us to the hope that even larger things may be expected from a continuation of it during the next three years. The Board is impressed that we can employ the Volunteer Mission Corps to even greater advantage in a work of development among the different churches in the several associations, in what are termed denominational institutes.

During the year brethren J. C. Caddell, C. W. Blanchard, S. J. Porter and B. W. Spilman, assisted by the Corresponding Secretary, have spent some weeks in this work, and report that, in their judgment, it is the practical method for reaching the churches definitely and directly with denominational interests. In effect, it is carrying each object to the individual member of each church. The manner of conducting these institutes is for the brethren who are to do the speaking to place themselves in the hands of the pastor or pastors with whose churches they are to meet, who make all arrangements for conveyance from one point to the other. The meetings are arranged for both day and night, at points within reach of each other. Experience thus far has demonstrated that our people will attend

these meetings, and that the churches visited received great benefit. As above suggested, it is thought possible that brethren may be secured from the Volunteer Mission Corps to give an additional ten days in the months of March and April to engage in denominational institute work. If so, we may expect to have during the spring institutes with not less than two hundred churches.

Therefore we would offer the following recommendations:

That the Convention appoint a committee to report to the Convention with reference to the feasibility of securing the cooperation of pastors and brethren especially fitted for this work, who will agree to give ten days time during the months of March and April, in an effort to reach the individual churches through the agency of the denominational institutes.

COOPERATION.

The Convention's attention is called to the fact that, with this year, the Board concludes the work assigned to us by the Convention of 1895, in the following report adopted at Greensboro unanimously:

Your Committee, appointed to consider and report proper action to be taken by the Convention with regard to a plan of cooperation in missionary work for the colored people of this State, begs leave to recommend that plan which was agreed upon and is proposed by the Boards of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. R. GWALTNEY
J. C. SCARBORO.
T. E. SKINNER,
R. T. VANN,

Committee.

Three years experience in this work has convinced your Board of the utility and practical wisdom of the plan of cooperation. The conventions in Alabama, Virginia and South Carolina have also adopted it, and in their recent conventions report unanimously for its continuance. It is expected that other Southern States will this year adopt it as the wisest and most practical method yet suggested for helping colored Baptists to develop and organize themselves for Christian work. In North Carolina our experience with it has been exceptionally encouraging. The first year was introductory and experimental; the second year gave strong evidence of the value of the plan. It enlisted the sympathy of colored Baptists in their own cause and the work of missions elsewhere. The third and concluding year of the original agreement furnishes a complete demonstration of the incomparable superiority of the plan over the old method and order of things among colored Baptists of this State. They are united now upon their Convention work as never before; their meetings are more orderly, their discussions more intelligent. Higher ideals have been inculcated, and the consequent demand of

the churches for better preaching has stimulated the colored minister to do better work. Educational and missionary interests have received fresh impetus. Attention is also called to the fact that this movement has had a distinct influence in promoting and maintaining harmony and Christian fellowship between the races. This fact calls for special emphasis. During the recent excited political campaign the colored Convention passed a series of resolutions aimed and calculated to hinder agitation and excitement among the colored people, calling their attention from politics to religion. It is also known to your Board that the general missionary, Rev. J. A. Whitted, and the district missionaries, without exception, were at personal pains during that time to use their influence to the utmost in this direction.

To indicate something of the sentiment which prevails among colored Baptists, we append a clause of a report adopted at their recent Convention, in relation to this work of cooperation: "Such has been its benefits, and so strong is the feeling among our people that God in His good providence has brought Baptists of the North and South, both white and black, together in the blessed service of the Master through the work of cooperation, that colored Baptists would mourn were the relationship sundered." The question which this Convention will decide is whether we shall continue the work of cooperation for another term of years. Awaiting the action of this Convention, a tentative agreement was entered into between Dr. Tichenor, of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Morehouse, of the Home Mission Society, and our Corresponding Secretary, providing for the continuance of Cooperation for a term of three years, dating from November 1, 1898, on the following basis: One-half of the expense to be borne by the colored Convention the first year, and the other half by the three cooperating bodies, with a declining responsibility of \$100 to each of the cooperating parties for the two years following. This would be \$633 for each of the cooperating bodies the first year; \$533 for the second, and \$433 for the third year. Your Board recommends the ratification of this agreement, and asks that a motion be made that the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools include in its appropriation for the next year the sum of \$633 for the support of the work of colored Baptists

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee of fifteen from the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, to which is committed the direction of the Sunday School work in North Carolina, submit through this Board to the Convention the following report:

To the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom has been entrusted the Sunday School and Colportage work and the management of the Baptist Book Store, take great pleasure in presenting the report of a prosperous year's work.

Through the vigorous labors of our Sunday School missionary, Rev. B. W. Spilman, the needs of increased Sunday School facilities, better teachers, and the destitution of Sunday Schools in many sections of the State, have been impressed upon our people as never before. For the information of the Convention, a brief resume of the work since the appointment of a committee of fifteen is given herewith in the report of the Sunday School missionary.

REPORT OF B. W. SPILMAN. SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY.

I submit herewith my third annual report as Sunday School missionary. The new movement for establishing and aiding Sunday Schools in North Carolina was inaugurated in 1895, at Greensboro. A committee of fifteen members of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was selected, to whom was entrusted the prosecution of the Sunday School work in the State. The financial support of the work was provided by the Sunday School Board at Nashville and the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh. Under this plan the work continued from April 1, 1896, to December 16, 1896. From that time to the Convention in Oxford in 1897, the work was in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention. No action was taken at Oxford looking toward advancing the Sunday School work. The Sunday School Committee was, however, reappointed and took up the matter of helping the Sunday Schools of the State. After studying the situation, it was deemed best not to select a Sunday School Secretary, as provided by the Convention; but the Committee decided to select a Sunday School missionary and urge his appointment by the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools. At the meeting of the Committee, December 20, 1897, the following plan was adopted with reference to the Sunday School work:

"That a Sunday School missionary be elected to whose support the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools is asked to make an appropriation of (\$600) six hundred dollars, or at that rate, per annum, and his necessary traveling expenses, whose work shall be defined as follows, with all the liberty desired for his individual suggestion and action in the aggressive prosecution of the work:

"1st. To cooperate with the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools in a special effort to have organized a Sunday School at every mission station to which the Board or associations make appropriations, and also at such other points as in his judgment Sunday Schools should be established. This work may be accomplished

by personal visits to the stations, or by correspondence with the missionaries.

"2d. To attend Sunday School associations, conventions, chautauquas and other such meetings, as the representative of our Sunday School interests. To organize and conduct Sunday School institutes and district chautauquas, and by personal effort increase the interest in more efficient Sunday School work in the State.

"3d. To visit churches and Sunday Schools already established and enlist their sympathies and financial support for the Sunday School work in a regular and systematic way, to the end that the work may become at an early day self-sustaining.

"4th. That the Sunday School missionary shall feel himself free and untrammelled in the formulation and execution of such plans as he may adopt for the accomplishment of the above-named objects, and shall be responsible only to the Sunday School Committee, to which he will render reports of his work for transmission through the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools to the Baptist State Convention, as prescribed by its Constitution."

On Tuesday, January 19, the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools appropriated \$500 to pay salary and defray traveling expenses of the Sunday School missionary.

Under the above plan I took up the work January 20, 1898. I have attended from that time to the close of this report (November 30) two associations, five Sunday School chautauquas, twenty-one Sunday School institutes, and fifty-four Sunday School rallies—making a total of eighty-two points visited in the interest of the Sunday School work. The number of sermons and addresses delivered at these eighty-two places during the ten months and ten days of work, is 306. These places were in thirty-three counties and the territory of twenty-four associations. Between the close of this report and the Convention are two institutes and two Sunday School rallies. Nine of the twenty one institutes were held on the fields of the State missionaries. The others were held in the country and in small towns and villages. During the past three years no Sunday School institute has been held in a town of over two thousand inhabitants.

The general interest in the Sunday School work in the State seems to be greater than ever before.

A few new Sunday School associations have been organized during the year. I have made two unsuccessful attempts to find out the number of such associations in the State. I think that there are between thirty and thirty-five. They usually meet on a fifth Sunday, so that I can reach only two each year.

The Sunday School institutes have, as a rule, been poorly attended. The institute work is comparatively new, and the nature

of the work done is not well understood. This, together with the fact that the institutes have been held mostly with churches weak in membership and surrounded either by indifference or hostility to Sunday School work, accounts in part for the small attendance.

Four district Sunday School chautauquas were held during July and August, at Fair Bluff, Littleton, Mars Hill and Buies Creek.

The State Sunday School Chautauqua held its sixth annual session last August in Shelby. This was its first meeting in the west. A large, well-arranged tabernacle was built at Shelby by a stock company for the use of the Chautauqua and similar gatherings. The meeting at Buies Creek was held in a large tabernacle built in connection with the Buies Creek Academy. A similar tabernacle is to be built at Mars Hill. Subscriptions amounting to more than \$300 have been made already.

District chautauquas have been planned for the coming year to be held at Fair Bluff, Mars Hill and at some point in the Atlantic Association.

During the year Sunday School Departments have been conducted in the Biblical Recorder, by Rev. H. C. Moore, of Newbern, and in Charity and Children, by the Sunday School missionary. The former has been devoted to an exposition of the International Sunday School Lessons, and the latter to Sunday School news and a discussion of methods.

The coming of the Western Convention to join forces with us adds to our responsibility as well as to our field of operations. Bringing, as it does, ten counties and ten associations to us, it adds much to a field so large already as to render it a physical impossibility to do justice to it.

It is the purpose of your Committee to continue the work which has been so vigorously prosecuted during the past year, and we shall ask the Board of Missions for such appropriation as may be necessary to sustain the same.

We submit the report and statement of the

BAPTIST BOOK STORE.

This concludes the seventeenth year of the existence and work of the Baptist Book Store. Its usefulness and its importance is only just now coming to be recognized by our people. Without capital without credit, except such as it made for itself, it has been by no means the smallest of the agencies in the progress and prosperity of the Baptist cause in North Carolina. Its financial history has been rugged, and many yawning chasms have been faced. In 1891, at the meeting of the Convention at Goldsboro, the Store reported liabilities over assets \$300.19. The success achieved in overcoming such discouragements as this is exhibited in the report below sub-

mitted, in which is shown that since 1891 the Store has increased its business from \$6,614 to \$8,414.77. In 1891 the store's report showed liabilities over assets \$300.19. We now have assets over liabilities \$3,356.26, as is shown in statement submitted below.

During the past year the Store has had the largest business in all its history by nearly two thousand dollars. Upon reference to the Treasurer's report, it will be seen that the Store has contributed directly out of its net profits \$500.00 to the salaries of missionaries. Your Committee is convinced that this department of our Convention work may be made more and more a power for the upbuilding of our cause both in the dissemination of denominational and Christian literature, and as a source of money supply for the enlarging work of State Missions. Not without consideration, we suggest that if the Convention will provide a \$2,000 capital, and pastors and people give the Store support and patronage upon which we could assuredly rely, it could in five years so increase the volume of its business and its profits as to be able to pay very largely the cost of administration in our mission work, including the salary of the Corresponding Secretary and Sunday School Missionary. We should not omit to return our gratitude to our Sunday School Board at Nashville, and the American Baptist Publication Society, for donations of books and other literature.

STATEMENT OF BAPTIST BOOK STORE, NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

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By merchandise.....		\$1,900.00
By accounts		2,415.67
By furniture and fixtures		330.00
By Baptist Almanac.....		100.00
By cash.....		178.77
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To liabilities	\$1,568.18	
To balance	3,356.26	
	4,924.44	4,924.44
By balance.....		3,356.26
To amount paid Board Missions and Sunday Schools for salaries of missionaries	500.00	
To assumed debt on account of Children's Day, not heretofore included in liabilities	23.25	523.25
Net assets.....		2,833.01
Donation and discounts, \$106.56.		

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

N. B. Broughton, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission work has been greatly blessed during the past year. Not only did our Foreign Board receive enough contributions to pay all indebtedness, but also had about three thousand dollars with which to begin the new year. Seven hundred and one baptisms were reported on our foreign fields. God seems graciously to be leading us on. We need not only to hear His command, but also to note the guidance of His providence.

OUR FOREIGN BOARD.

We Baptists of North Carolina cooperate with our sister States in doing Foreign Mission work. The Foreign Board, located at Richmond, Va., is the servant of the churches composing the Southern Baptist Convention. They organized it. They annually appoint its officers and members. They make rules to govern its proceedings. They furnish the means to carry on its work. They can enlarge or abridge its work at pleasure. When the Convention was first organized in Augusta, Ga., May, 1845, it appointed the Foreign Mission Board (or Committee) and located it in Richmond, Va. Here it has continued ever since. The Board consists of twenty-one members, who live in Richmond, with one Vice-President in each of our cooperating States. Of these members, only the following receive any salary: the Corresponding Secretary and the Assistant Corresponding Secretary, for all their time, and the Treasurer, for a part of his time.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

For convenience and facility in working, the Board is divided into eleven committees. These consider the various questions which are to be presented to the Board, and they bring reports with recommendations, which are then acted on by the Board. Visiting brethren at times attend the Board meetings, and are gladly welcomed by our brethren in Richmond.

APPOINTING MISSIONARIES.

This is one of the most difficult of all the duties which devolves upon the Board. It is necessary for a man who wishes to be a missionary to be good, and also good for the work. Not every man is suited for certain kinds of work here at home, and the same is true with perhaps greater emphasis, on the foreign field. When any one applies to the Board to go out as a missionary, he (or she) is advised first to confer with the pastor or some good brother near home. Then communication is opened up by the Board with a number of brethren who know the applicant and are considered safe

and discreet. Among these it is always desired that the pastor and a good physician shall express their opinions. The Board should know of the moral character and physical condition of the applicant. We consider it almost a waste of money to send persons who are physically unable to stand the climate, and who will, after taking an expensive trip abroad, soon have to return home. We need in missionaries a "great deal of the stuff of which heroes are made." It takes, besides physical strength, much moral patience and heroism to go and stand and stand, and stand, and stay, and wait and wait, and work and work. More of this endurance than most people have any dream or conception of—more than many of those who have offered for the work found that they had when tried. A missionary, who goes and stays ten, twenty, forty, years and works on still, has won a place loftier than that of kings, and equal to that of any martyr of earth. It is this "sticking" quality that is so much needed. It takes much grace and endurance. After a person has applied to the Board, and is supposed to be worthy, he passes an examination as to his Christian experience, call to the ministry and to mission work, and also a medical examination. If then he is accepted, his field of labor is decided on, and arrangements are made for his going forth.

THE MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD.

He is necessarily a person of great individuality. If not so when he arrives on the field, this trait of character will soon be developed. In a great many questions he has to decide for himself, and that very positively. The Board, while it tries to exercise a wise oversight of the missionaries, recognizes that they are God-called men with minds and hearts, and so in many questions leaves them to decide for themselves. The question of clothing, what they shall eat, how they shall conduct their domestic affairs, are personal and not denominational matters.

OUR MISSIONS.

We have missionaries working in six foreign countries. Below we give a tabulated statement of the work for the past year:

Countries.	Date of Organization.	Missionaries.	Native Assistants.	Churches.	Baptisms in 1897.	Membership.
China-----	1845	40	43	21	208	1,499
Africa-----	1850	3	10	6	43	313
Italy-----	1870	1	25	21	55	481
Mexico-----	1850	13	17	32	101	1,132
Brazil-----	1882	13	15	21	283	1,274
Japan-----	1889	6	7	1	11	61
Total-----		76	117	102	701	4,760

Of these missionaries, the following are from North Carolina: Rev. G. W. Greene and wife, Rev. E. F. Tatum, Rev. R. T. Bryan and wife, Miss Lottie W. Price, Rev. T. C. Britton and wife, China. Miss Anna M. Greene, daughter of Rev. G. W. Greene, has recently been appointed by the Board as a missionary to China, and will return there with her father, who expects to leave about January 1. 1899.

FINANCES.

Our Board does not send funds direct to the missionaries, but it has adopted a plan which is considered better.

Once a year estimates come from the various mission fields of what will be needed. These estimates are first carefully considered by the various committees and then submitted to the Board. When these are approved, letters of credit are sent to the various missions, and on these letters the missionaries draw drafts which are as good as gold in any land.

From a careful study of the report of the Foreign Board last year, it will be seen that of the receipts seven and one-third per cent has been used for expenses in Richmond, one and two thirds per cent has been used for interest, and four and two-thirds per cent has been used in the States for collecting the funds. In other words, thirteen and two-thirds per cent was used for all expenses, including interest.

This shows that our work has been carefully and economically conducted.

Below we give a table of what has been given by the different States for the past two years, and what is asked for during this Conventional year:

States.	Preachers.	Churches.	Members.	Contributions in 1896 '97.	Contributions in 1897 '98.	Amount asked for 1898 '99
Alabama -----	949	1,713	119,454	\$6,563.29	\$5,950.74	\$8,000
Arkansas -----	816	1,379	72,591	1,827.96	2,114.10	2,400
District of						
Columbia -----	29	13	4,927	*1,081.78	*1,019.03	1,800
Florida -----	274	467	21,751	1,047.00	1,000.00	1,500
Georgia -----	1,257	1,915	179,968	20,275.29	17,425.06	18,000
Kentucky -----	1,169	1,687	188,463	12,214.62	13,514.46	15,000
Louisiana -----	308	532	33,064	1,971.64	1,968.84	2,000
Maryland -----	47	60	10,779	7,707.71	5,659.73	8,000
Mississippi -----	673	1,503	105,288	8,528.22	7,192.41	7,500
Missouri -----	1,391	1,849	141,437	*7,069.34	*5,481.33	8,000
N'th Carolina †	837	1,603	154,195	7,839.63	7,555.08	9,000
South Carolina -----	468	903	91,795	11,352.50	11,470.58	12,000
Tennessee -----	880	1,368	122,980	6,058.06	6,331.76	7,500
Texas -----	1,647	2,661	180,338	8,483.46	12,659.53	12,000
Virginia -----	524	927	116,188	21,565.18	23,370.52	21,000
Other sources -----				2,096.31	1,536.52	2,300
Total -----	11,270	18,580	1,543,018	125,681.99	124,249.69	136,000

* Part of their gifts goes to Missionary Union.

† Includes Western North Carolina Convention.

Surely North Carolina ought to give every dollar of the \$9,000 asked from her for this great work.

THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

During the year the Foreign Mission Journal has attained to a circulation never reached before. Twenty-two thousand copies or more have been printed monthly. It is earnestly desired that the circulation be increased this year to thirty thousand copies. The price is thirty-five cents per annum, or twenty-five cents in clubs of ten.

MAPS.

The Board has published an excellent set of maps of our mission fields. These show the main stations and out-stations in each of our fields in Africa, China, Japan, Brazil, Italy and Mexico. Nearly six hundred sets of these maps have been sold. Every church ought to have a set to use in studying missions. The cost for the six maps is two dollars; the postage or express, thirty cents to any point in the United States.

TRACTS AND ENVELOPES.

The Board keeps on hand a good supply of tracts containing mission information, and also neatly printed envelopes for Foreign Mission collections. Any church or pastor can get these, free, by simply applying for them.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The field of the Home Mission Board covers the entire South, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba. There is not a State or Territory within its borders in which the Board has not men preaching the gospel to the destitute.

The work accomplished during the last Southern Baptist Conventional year, although there existed special adverse conditions, compares favorably with any former year. The total amount of cash received by the Board was \$86,887.27, against \$83,184.31 the preceding year, an increase of \$3,702.96. The number of missionaries employed was 467, against 372 the preceding year. Baptisms, 4,739, against 4,709.

These missionaries employ themselves in preaching the gospel, making religious visits, establishing Sunday Schools, organizing churches, building houses of worship and distributing Bibles and Testaments, tracts and other religious literature.

Last year they performed 11,407 weeks of labor, preached 49,306

sermons in nearly 2,000 different places, reaching with the Word of Life probably 300,000 people. They added 9,509² members³ to their churches, built and improved 113 houses of worship,⁴ organized 297 Sunday Schools, into which they gathered 7,000 children, made 60,000 religious visits, put into homes nearly 5,000⁵ Bibles and Testaments, and scattered 1,580,741 pages of tracts.

While it is impossible to give the results of the present year's work until its labors are finished and the figures are gathered, there is every reason to believe they will exceed those of last year. The total number of missionaries for the current year will probably exceed 500.

MOUNTAIN REGIONS.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Board was instructed to take under advisement the prosecution of the special work of Christian education in the mountain sections of our country, and earnestly advised to consider the advisability of employing a suitable man to give his entire time to the oversight of the work and to the holding of Bible Institutes for the instruction of the ministry in Bible doctrine and methods of Christian work.

These instructions were in harmony with the oft-repeated expressions of the Board, and since the meeting of the Convention it has addressed itself to planning for their execution. Through its Committee on Mountain Missions and Sunday Schools it has been diligently seeking to secure just the right man for this important work. From present indications, it is hoped this will soon be accomplished, and the enlargement of this work fairly inaugurated. For some years the Board has been expending about \$4,000 in mountain work. Several times this amount could be profitably used and will be required when the urgent demands of our mountain regions receive the consideration the Board has for years desired to give, and is now, by the Convention, authorized to do.

WEAK STATES.

There are a number of States in the South where our denomination is too few in numbers and too weak in finances to do even half the mission work that is actually demanded. Notably, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. All these States are being helped, and every dollar thus expended soon returns to the denomination many-fold, in influence and financial support.

Referring to the Home Board, the Florida Convention said: "For what we are in a religious and educational point of view, we are indebted to this Board, as well as for the strength of what we are doing for Foreign Missions."

Dr. B. F. Riley, of Georgia, who spent some time studying the

situation in Louisiana, declared: "The Home Mission Board could wisely expend its entire income on the great destitution of that State."

Dr. A. J. Holt has said, what is well known to others: "I know that the Home Mission Board saved Texas to the Southern Baptist Convention without doubt, I know this of my own personal knowledge."

These States are simply helped by the Home Board. Their churches are urged to raise all they can for their own destitution and other denominational missions, and the Home Board then supplements their offerings by that amount of means which it is able to give:

FRONTIER MISSIONS.

The work of the Board on the frontier has been wonderfully blessed, growing in interest from year to year. This phase of the work lies chiefly in the Indian Territory, Oklahoma, western Arkansas, and that part of Texas which borders on the Rio Grande from El Paso to its mouth. This district of country is about equal in size to the States of Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, and comprises wonderful physical possibilities. During last year there was organized in the Indian Territory a Sunday School and Colportage Convention, which promises fine results. A similar organization has recently been effected in Oklahoma. These two organizations, as well as the General Association of the Indian Territory and the Oklahoma Convention, are all in thorough accord, and determined to cooperate only with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board has been constrained to make increased appropriations for this work, and yet it is unable to meet the urgent necessities there for greatly enlarged effort.

WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

Under the cooperative plan, as directed by the Convention, work among the negroes has been carried on in Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, and will be commenced in Georgia in January next. This work has proven eminently successful.

CUBA.

In the providence of God, all barriers to the free access of the gospel in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico have been removed. Thus, the Home Board is not only enabled to take up its work in Havana, but also there is imposed upon Southern Baptists the great responsibility of covering the entire island with the Word of

Life. Every indication is favorable for the reception of the truth by the natives throughout the entire island.

It is the intention of the Board to prosecute this feature of its work as vigorously and as early as practicable. Numbers of missionaries will be required, and the Board will exercise great care and prudence in their selection, as well as the selection of points at which to establish the work.

Rev. J. R. O'Halloran, former missionary of the Board in Havana, was sent to Santiago about two months ago. He has established a school, ordained one native preacher, baptized not less than sixty or seventy-five converts, and constituted two churches. In part of this work he has had the counsel and assistance of Rev. D. H. Parker, of Georgia, who is chaplain in the U. S. Army.

The Committee of the Board who recently visited Havana was gratified with the success of their visit. They found that the women there had continued all the day and Sunday Schools and prayer services during the entire war. The Committee found everything favorable for a forward movement in Havana as early as the work can be reorganized, which the Board will do without delay.

It has been proposed by several States that there shall be raised not less than \$50,000 for prosecuting work in Cuba. This sum would not exceed the amount required by the importance of the field, nor the ability of Southern Baptists to meet their obligation.

OTHER WORK.

In addition to these special phases of work, the Board realizes the great importance of work in certain cities and among the foreign population. It is doing a splendid work, in a limited way, among the Germans and Italians in Baltimore, and among the Germans in Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City and some other points. The imperative necessity of enlarging this phase of its work must impress itself upon the denomination, if the great numbers coming to our shores from the various nations of the earth are to receive the gospel of salvation and become capable of discharging the high obligations of citizenship.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PART.

The attention of the Convention is called to the fact that the Home Mission Board has this year appropriated to our North Carolina work the liberal amount of \$1,000. Five hundred dollars of this amount was paid December 1. The other \$500 will be paid to us April 30, on condition that we secure from North Carolina churches, exclusive of the amount sent from territory of the Western Convention, as much as \$4,000 during this Southern Baptist Conventional year.

In view of the union of the two Conventions in North Carolina, our cooperation with the Home Mission Board in its work receives additional emphasis. It can not be too strongly urged that we must increase our contributions to Home Missions. With the assistance of churches formerly in the Western Convention, we should easily raise as much as \$5,000 for that work by May 1, 1899.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

In submitting our report for the general work, we would leave it incomplete except mention were made of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn. This Board is coordinate with the Home and Foreign Boards, and stands as an agency of the Convention for the furtherance of its work along certain lines and in behalf of a great interest.

As set out in this report, to the recent session of the Convention in Norfolk, this Board had last year the most prosperous year in its history, and is becoming more and more a factor in our denominational life, helping all the other great interests that are fostered by the Convention.

Its benevolence during the last Convention year in appropriations of cash and books and tracts and Bibles and periodicals and missionary boxes amounted to over twelve thousand dollars, and in seven years to nearly fifty-five thousand dollars, besides the enlargement of its business in every department of work.

This enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention has developed into a great business under the absolute ownership and control of the Convention, and for the advancement of all the Convention's interests—a business which, measured by its income making power, is easily worth two hundred thousand dollars and has been built up without the investment of any money capital on the part of the denomination.

The periodicals and publications of the Board are well adapted to meet the needs of our people, and especially directed to forward the interests which we as a denomination have in hand.

(1) A full line of Sunday School periodicals, with all that is needed for the equipment of a Sunday School.

(2) A Convention Almanac, published annually, edited by Dr. Lansing Burrows, full of facts and incidents in denominational life, and also setting out all the work of the Convention, following in order the Mission Card prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union.

(3) The Story of Yates the Missionary, written by Dr. Chas. E. Taylor, and setting out in a wonderful way the life-work of our great missionary to China.

(4) A Great Trio, a paper-bound book consisting of three charming lectures before the Seminary at Louisville, by Dr. W. R. L. Smith, having for his subjects Jeter, Fuller, and Yates.

(5) Restricted Communion, a tract of 70 pages, by J. M. Frost, and also a full line of catechisms by John A. Broadus, Basil Manly and others.

All these periodicals and publications are issued by the Board for the Convention, being entirely under its control and ownership.

The Bible Department of the Sunday School Board stands for the Bible work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Contributions to its Bible Fund entitles to representation in the sessions of the Convention. The Board last year sent out nearly twelve thousand copies of the Word of God into destitute places, making its appropriations for the most part through the missionaries of the State Board and the Home Board. Bibles have been sent out on the frontier, also for distribution among the immigrants in Baltimore, among Cuban refugees in Florida, also to Africa and to Cuba. No one can forecast the harvest which may come from this sowing of the Seed of Life. We commend this work to the thoughtful consideration of our people, counting it worthy of their support and contribution.

The Board makes special effort for the training of the young in missionary thought and life through its Kind Words and mission articles in the Teacher, and other mission publications. In addition to this, it has two special days in the Sunday Schools—namely, Missionary Day, the last Sunday in September, and Children's Day, the second Sunday in June. Programs are prepared and furnished without cost for these services, in whatever quantities may be needed and as the school may desire. The educational value of these services can hardly be over estimated. The money that is collected from Missionary Day, though sent directly to the Sunday School Board, is forwarded to the Home and Foreign Boards, being divided equally between these two Boards unless otherwise designated. The money which comes from Children's Day in June goes to the credit of the Bible Fund, and for every dollar that is received, the Board appropriates another dollar from its business, and so makes every contribution do double service in sending out Bibles and Testaments to destitute places.

The great ultimate end of all this work of the Board is for the advancement and improvement of our Sunday School condition. There are thousands of churches among us that have no Sunday School, and the Sunday Schools we have need advancement in many ways. The Home Department in the Sunday School is intended to carry the Word of God into the family circle; and we need, both in the school and in the home, to emphasize afresh the

Bible as the very Word of God. The boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow; and there is tremendous power in the printed page for the making of men. We need to enlarge the Sunday School thought and purpose. Here is a great mission field for missionary sowing and a missionary harvest. Here we lay the foundations for future usefulness.

The Convention, in its Sunday School Board, is carrying forward the Sunday School cause and seeking in every way to foster the great interests for the furtherance of its work. The appeal of the Convention for this Board is not less urgent than its appeal for the Home and Foreign Boards. It is worth our while, in view of the great interests we have in hand, to carry the Sunday School Board into all our churches. There is hardly a more effective way in which to build up and strengthen and carry forward our work.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS.

The Central Committee makes its thirteenth annual report with a deep sense of thankfulness. It has had during the entire course of the year marked signs of divine blessing upon all its work. At the last annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, it was determined to endeavor to give as a Christmas Offering an amount sufficient to support Mr. T. C. Britton in China, thus establishing a perpetual living memorial to Dr. and Mrs. Yates, and the necessary sum was given by the Societies during the first week in January. In March a Week of Self-denial and Prayer for Home Missions was observed, resulting in an offering of \$488.59. Throughout the year great emphasis has been laid on the importance of increasing gifts to State Missions, and the last two years have been marked by much improvement in this direction.

Important service has been rendered by Miss Elizabeth Briggs in the organization of Children's Mission Bands, and by twenty Associational Vice-Presidents in every department of the work. In several associations the work has made notable progress, the efforts of the associational officers being heartily seconded by pastors and people alike.

Again, this year as last, we have to report a remarkably large number of new societies organized, the average being nearly two a week for the entire year. The Central Committee has, as in the past, endeavored to keep in constant and close touch with each Society by frequent personal letters and large distribution of leaflets, as follows: Letters written, 1,432; postals, 363; quarterly letters, 2,320; leaflets, blanks, minutes, mission cards, etc., 16,065. New societies, 96. Reported by the societies for year December, 1897—1898.

\$7,040.00, divided between Home, State and Foreign Missions, and Orphanage as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND
NINETY-EIGHT.

Foreign Missions.....	\$2,000.46
Home Missions.....	3,319.47
State Missions.....	1,190.39
Orphanage.....	337.10
Louisville Seminary.....	5.40
Education.....	5.41
Relief Fund.....	8.15
Expense Fund.....	2.18
Sunday Schools.....	10.69
For Cubans.....	50.00
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	6,929.25

While chronicling with deep thankfulness this remarkable growth in societies and large increase in contributions, we would, as in the past, ask not only the tacit approval of the pastors, but their earnest cooperation. Hitherto we have asked especially for aid in the organization of societies. We would ask now, first, that they urge all the female members of their churches to join the societies already formed; second, that they endeavor to raise the standard of giving in these societies, and lastly, that they occasionally encourage the societies by their presence and words of encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE E. S. HECK, President.

MRS. J. A. BRIGGS, Cor. Sec.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:

REPORT OF J. D. BOUSHALL, TREASURER BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION. DECEMBER 4, 1897, TO DECEMBER 3, 1898.

STATE MISSIONS.

To balance last report	\$1,069.23	
By amount received		\$15,521.84
To paid:		
N. B. Broughton, salary as Rec. Sec	25.00	
H. C. Moore, salary as Rec. Sec	25.00	
Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes	20.00	
Part Expenses Woman's Central Com	47.74	
Jno. E. White, salary as Cor. Secretary	760.00	
Jno. E. White, travelling expenses	35.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	75.00	
Benbow & Benbow, legal services	20.00	
Postage, stationery, etc	159.90	
Postage, stationery S. S. Committee	28.03	
Furnishing for Mission Rooms	42.00	
Rent of Mission Rooms	16.66	
Miss Lena W. Partin, salary as stenographer	35.00	
B. W. Spilman, salary, etc., as S. S. Miss	585.53	
Expenses Volunteer Mission	61.40	
On account of cooperation	614.88	
Salaries of Missionaries	12,942.55	
Balance		1,061.07
	<u>16,582.91</u>	<u>16,582.91</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By balance		\$129.13
Amount received		8,030.27
Amount sent direct		325.89
To paid:		
Amount sent direct	\$325.89	
Part expenses Woman's Central Com	81.04	
Printing Minutes	32.50	
Postage, stationery, etc	111.28	
Rent Mission Rooms	58.33	
Jno. E. White, salary as Cor. Secretary	480.00	
Miss L. W. Partin, salary as stenographer	50.00	
	<u>1,139.04</u>	<u>8,785.29</u>

Amount forward	\$1,139.04	\$8,785.29
Jno. E. White, travelling expenses	95.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	60.00	
Printing	29.25	
Jno. E. White, expenses as Statistical Sec	5.00	
Furnishings for Mission Rooms	64.13	
Amount sent Foreign Mission Board	6,573.39	
Balance	819.48	
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	8,785.29	8,785.29
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HOME MISSIONS.

Balance		\$265.44
By amount received		4,328.52
Amount sent direct		324.00
Value of boxes sent direct		1,536.00
To paid :		
Amount sent direct	\$324.00	
Value boxes sent direct	1,536.00	
Printing Minutes	20.00	
Part expenses Woman's Central Com	47.73	
Rent of Mission Rooms	27.01	
Jno. E. White, salary as Cor. Secretary	460.00	
Postage, stationery, etc	106.27	
Jno. E. White, Cor. Sec., travelling expenses	75.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	50.00	
Miss Lena W. Partin, salary as stenographer	50.00	
Printing	22.50	
Furnishings for Mission Rooms	59.80	
Amount sent Home Mission Board	3,250.00	
Balance	425.65	
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	6,453.96	6,453.96
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EDUCATION.

Balance		\$146.58
By amount received		2,468.16
To Paid :		
Dr. John Mitchell, Sec'y's vouchers	\$2,153.07	
Printing and mailing Minutes	15.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	15.00	
Balance	431.67	
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	2,614.74	2,614.74
Amount contributed to Endowment Wake Forest College		3,420.03
Amount contributed to Baptist Female University		7,081.66
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Total for Education		13,116.43

ORPHANAGE.

(Report by Ivey Allen, Treasurer.)

Amount contributed in cash.....		\$7,751.36
Amount contributed in kind		1,607.95
Subscriptions to <i>Charity and Children</i>		1,762.54
Amount contributed for Manager's Home.....		836.17
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		11,958.02
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MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

By amount received.....		\$918.09
To Paid :		
Printing and mailing Minutes.....	\$14.50	
T. E. Cheek, Treasurer.....	903.59	
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	918.09	918.09
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Total value this Fund.....		1,924.58
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BAPTIST BOOK STORE BUSINESS.

By cash receipts of Store.....		\$8,414.77
To Paid :		
Balance.....	\$43.41	
Printing, etc.....	75.00	
H. L. Watson, salary as Clerk.....	600.00	
Rent of store.....	203.99	
Furnishings for Mission Rooms.....	49.67	
Printing Minutes	20.69	
Miss L. W. Partin, salary as stenographer	44.00	
J. D. Boushall, salary as Treasurer	50.00	
Fuel, lights and insurance.....	103.24	
Freight, drayage, etc.....	146.76	
Donations and discounts	166.56	
Literature, books, etc	6,698.71	
Balance.....	212.74	
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	8,414.77	8,414.77
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

By amount received.....		\$203.17
To Paid :		
Balance.....	\$22.00	
B. W. Spilman, salary as Missionary.....	177.42	
W. D. Bostic, salary as Colporter.....	25.75	
Balance.....		22.00
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	203.39	203.39
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STUDENTS' AID FUND (LOUISVILLE.)

By amount received.....		\$60.30
To Paid:		
Dr. E. C. Dargan, Treasurer.....	\$60.30	
	<u>60.30</u>	<u>60.30</u>
Amount sent direct, estimated		<u>500.00</u>

SUMMARY.

State Missions.....		\$16,582.91
Foreign Missions.....		8,785.29
Home Missions.....		6,453.96
Education:		
Ministerial.....	\$2,614.74	
Wake Forest Endowment	3,420.03	
Baptist Female University.....	7,081.66	13,116.43
Orphanage:		
General Expenses.....	7,751.36	
Manager's Home.....	836.17	
<i>Charity and Children</i>	1,762.54	
Contributions in kind (estimated).....	1,607.95	11,958.02
Ministerial Relief.....		918.09
Students' Aid Fund.....		560.30
Baptist Book store		8,414.77
Sunday Schools and Colportage		203.39
Contributed on Mission fields for Church extension.....		5,279.35
Contributed for Church extension other than Mission fields—estimated.....		75,000.00
Paid Pastors' salaries not on Mission fields.....		122,503.00
Incidental expenses of churches		15,030.00
For Poor.....		3,364.00
Contributions for Mission purposes		29,032.00
Sunday School expenses.....		<u>7,182.89</u>
Grand total.....		<u>324,389.40</u>

J. D. BOUSHALL.

Treasurer Baptist State Convention.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of J. D. Boushall, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for the past Conventional year, comparing the same with the acknowledgments in the *Biblical Recorder*. I find all accounts, with the various objects of the Convention, to be correct, and disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

W. N. JONES,

Chairman W. C. Tyree presented the Report of the Ministerial Relief Board, which was received and referred to appropriate committees :

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

It is with profound gratitude in behalf of the "old preachers" and their families that we are able to make so favorable a report to the great Baptist brotherhood of North Carolina. These fathers in Israel deserve our respect, honor, and gratitude because they were pioneers in many sections of our State, preaching the gospel in destitute sections, laying the foundations of many of our strong and flourishing churches; and they performed there faithful duties with but little if any compensation. They have spent their lives and worn themselves out in their efforts to save souls and teach the great doctrines which Baptists believe. Unselfishly, bravely and faithfully they labored and we have entered into their labors. Carefully and patiently they sowed, and we are reaping the harvest from the seed they planted. Age or disease has now made it impossible for them to preach: they linger with us a little while in the twilight of their lives before they are called home to receive their reward, and so devoted and unselfish has been their lives that they have not laid up anything to support them in old age. Such is the character of these brethren whom it is our duty and privilege to care for and support for Jesus' sake.

We have now thirteen beneficiaries. Brother R. W. Wooten, of Rhonda, has passed to his reward, and brother N. H. Moss, of Waco, has been received since our last report. Except these two, the list of beneficiaries remains as it was last year. We believe there are other deserving and needy Baptist ministers in the State who ought to receive our assistance, and we would be very glad to have them reported to us, so that we can supply them with the blank form of application, etc. Our contributions steadily increase every year, and we are anxious to find out other worthy objects of our sympathy and assistance as our ability to help increases. Our receipts this year are larger than ever before, and we believe the contributions to this cause will be larger every year as the Board and its work become more widely known among our people. Our work appeals so generally and directly to the reason and sympathy of all that it needs only to be presented in order to be supported. We earnestly appeal to all our pastors to explain the Board and its work to their churches and take at least one public collection every year for its work.

We try to follow our Constitution literally and never deviate from the rigid requirements for assistance. Every applicant is required to satisfactorily fill out a blank form of questions and have his application endorsed by the moderator and executive committee of his association

before his name is put on the list of beneficiaries. If any unworthy or undeserving one is aided, it is because the moderator or executive committee deceives us. We are anxious to help every one who deserves help, and we try to help no one who does not.

We have sustained a great loss during the year in the death of brother J. L. Markham, who had been a faithful and useful member of the Board ever since it was located in Durham. He was so wise and conscientious and so interested in our work. We shall greatly miss his help and counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McDUFFIE,

Corresponding Secretary.

W. C. TYREE,

President.

Corresponding Secretary John Mitchell presented the Report of the Board of Education, which was received and referred :

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Thirty-four young ministers have been aided by the Board during the past year. The aid usually given is \$9.00 per month ; and this not a gift, but a loan, to be returned after five years, without interest. Twenty-nine were received on the Board for the Fall Term, 1898. Six of them are not in attendance. We are expecting to add six or more to the number at the opening of the Spring Term, or before. And still others are wanting aid. Would that we were able to aid all the worthy young men who apply.

The importance of this work can not be overestimated. It is one of the leading objects of our Baptist State Convention, in whose Constitution we find written :

“ 1. The primary objects of this Convention shall be to educate young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong. * * * *

“ 2. The Education Board shall, so far as it is able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the gospel.”

No work of the Convention is more important. None has given better results. None calls more loudly for help now. Let us heed the call, and, for the Master's sake, help His poor young ministers in their worthy and noble effort to prepare themselves for the great work to which He has called them.

The annual itemized account of the Corresponding Secretary shows the following :

DEBITS.

Received of J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, during the year	\$2,303.77
Borrowed from C. E. Brewer, January 23, 1898.....	133.00
Borrowed from Citizens National Bank, July 6, 1898, (ninety days).....	150.00
Total.....	2,586.77

CREDITS.

Balance due on last year's account.....	\$97.69
Paid out as per receipts during the year.....	2,494.86
Total.....	2,592.55
Leaving balance due Corresponding Secretary on open account.....	6.78

We have in the hands of our Treasurer, J. D. Boushall, an amount sufficient to pay this and all other current expenses of the Board to date, and leave a balance of \$200.00 or more in favor of the Board: so that I can report the Board of Education out of debt, and it gives me pleasure to do it.

JOHN MITCHELL.

Corresponding Secretary.

The Convention was then addressed by Secretary J. M. Frost, of Nashville, on the work, opportunities and prospects of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following Committee, representing the former Baptist Convention of Western North Carolina, was introduced to the body by C. S. Cashwell: A. I. Justice, of the Carolina Association; W. M. Vines, of Buncombe County Association; A. B. Smith, of the Tuckasegee Association; W. E. Wilkins, of the Haywood County Association; T. Bright, of the Western North Carolina Association.

Remarks on the part of the Committee were made by A. I. Justice, T. Bright, A. B. Smith, W. M. Vines and W. E. Wilkins.

The following resolution, presented by J. S. Hardaway, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have this day heard through messengers of the dissolution of the Western North Carolina Convention: and, whereas, said

messengers are present seeking admission as members of this body. Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the first article of the Constitution of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention be amended so as to read: "The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of three male representatives from each white Association in the State, or one annual male representative," etc., etc.

2. That the delegates from the Associations and churches formerly composing the Western North Carolina Convention, be welcomed on their application as delegates of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Welcome on the part of the Convention was extended the messengers from Western North Carolina by C. E. Taylor. Remarks were also made by J. B. Boone, W. R. Gwaltney and T. E. Skinner. The hand of welcome was then extended while singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

On motion of J. D. Boushall the reported contributions from Western North Carolina are included in the report of this Convention.

N. L. Shaw presented the partial report on Order of Business:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.—2.30 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

3 p. m.—Wake Forest College.

3.45 p. m.—Theological Seminary.

7.30 p. m.—Dr. O. F. Flippo on American Baptist Publication Society.

8 p. m.—Foreign Missions.

The President appointed the following committees:

Home Missions.—E. W. Sikes, A. R. Foushee, W. C. Petty, C. F. Meserve, R. R. Overby, E. Lee, J. E. M. Davenport.

Orphanage.—James Long, T. D. Boone, J. H. Lamberth, J. T. Edmundson, H. L. Watson.

Female University.—W. L. Poteat, B. Craig, J. B. Newton, C. J. F. Anderson, A. L. Betts, Noah Biggs.

Obituaries.—L. Johnson, John Mitchell, W. B. Morton, T. E. Skinner, C. B. Justice.

State Missions.—C. S. Blackwell, W. M. Bond, S. J. Porter, W. B. Waff, G. M. Duke, W. C. Cook, W. E. Wilkins.

Foreign Missions.—G. W. Greene, A. C. Barron, J. S. Meadows, R. H. Gilbert, C. W. Scarboro.

Periodicals.—J. E. Ray, O. P. Meeks, J. W. Cobb, J. M. Alderman, W. G. Britt, F. H. Farrington.

To Nominate Board of Education.—B. F. Hester, W. R. Gwaltney, G. M. Duke, E. Wright, J. S. Johnson, P. J. Long.

To Nominate Ministerial Relief Board.—C. B. Justice, S. A. Howard, J. E. Matthews, W. M. Jones, L. N. Chappell.

To Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.—A. D. Hunter, T. T. Speight, S. W. Hall, G. L. Merrell, J. M. White, G. P. Harrill, A. B. Adkins.

To Nominate Committee on Sunday Schools and Colportage.—G. L. Finch, A. A. Butler, J. D. Moore, J. W. Rose, S. F. Bristow.

Sunday Schools and Colportage.—N. B. Broughton, Forrest Smith, W. M. Vines, R. A. Hedgepeth, A. Bass, D. W. Allen.

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and deacons of Greenville Baptist Church.

Preachers and Place of Next Meeting.—C. S. Cashwell, J. A. Oates, W. R. Bradshaw, E. L. Dawson, S. J. Cobb.

Finance.—H. M. Shaw, Ed. Wyatt, H. B. Duffy.

Woman's Work.—J. E. Herring, J. Q. Adams, W. S. Penick, J. A. Mundy, F. H. Jones.

Education, Ministerial and General.—F. P. Hobgood, J. C. Scarboro, F. L. Cleavland, J. S. Corpening, R. T. Vann.

On Enlargement of State Mission Work.—Thos. Carrick, J. J. Paysour, R. H. Lewis, W. J. Fulford, M. E. Parrish.

On Cooperation.—J. W. Carter, C. E. Taylor, J. A. Mundy, A. I. Justice.

On Recommendations of Board of Missions and Sunday Schools Concerning the Work in Western North Carolina.—W. C. Tyree, T. J. Taylor, R. T. Vann, J. B. Boone, T. Bright.

On Volunteer Mission Corps.—J. N. Booth, M. L. Kesler, A. M. Simms, W. B. Morton, A. B. Smith.

Ministerial Relief.—T. J. Taylor, W. F. Watson, T. M. Pittman, N. L. Shaw, J. S. Hardaway.

The following telegram was read :

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 8, 1898.

President Baptist Convention, Greenville, N. C.:

North Carolina Seminary students send greetings. Numbers vi. 24-26.
ARCH C. CREE.
A. R. LOVE.

A. W. Setzer was appointed to make reply on the part of the Convention.

A letter from F. M. Jordan to the Convention was read by N. B. Broughton.

The Convention then adjourned with benediction by A. E. Dickenson, Richmond.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 2.30 p. m., President Marsh in the chair.

J. W. Carter, for the Committee on Cooperation, submitted the following, which was laid on the table :

Your Committee on Cooperation recommend that this Convention continue to cooperate with the colored Baptists of the State upon the conditions stated in Report of Board on page 16.

On motion of John E. Ray it was ordered that a committee of one be appointed from this Convention to cooperate with like committees from other States in Southern Baptist Convention relative to the proposed Jubilee of Missions in 1900.

The President appointed John E. Ray as the committee.

The following resolution, submitted by R. T. Vann, was adopted :

Resolved. That, in view of the important work accomplished by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we heartily endorse that Board and heartily commend it to the patronage of our churches and Sunday Schools.

C. W. Scarborough offered the following resolution, which was adopted after remarks by J. M. Frost, J. W. Carter, W. C. Tyree, W. R. Gwaltney and A. L. Betts :

Resolved, That we express to our Sunday School Board the opinion that if there could be placed in our quarterlies a catechism in sections, with Scripture references, setting forth the doctrines dear to us as Baptists, it would meet a pressing need in a majority of our churches.

S. W. Hall reported the serious illness of J. H. Mills, of Thomasville, offering the following resolution, which was adopted :

That we, as a body, extend to Bro. Mills our deep and heartfelt sympathy in his sore affliction and that we pray that he may be speedily restored to health.

The Convention was led in prayer for Bro. Mills by John E. Ray. The Secretaries were instructed to telegraph Bro. Mills a message from the Convention.

The Report on Wake Forest College, presented by C. J. Hunter, was received as follows:

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the College is in a prosperous condition. During the session of 1897 and 1898, 253 students were matriculated. At the Commencement there were a larger number of graduates than had ever received diplomas before at any one time. Seventeen young men received the degree of Bachelor of Law, thirty-six the degree of Bachelor of Arts and six the degree of Master of Arts.

At the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. R. E. Royall, of Wake, and E. Y. Webb, of Cleveland.

The number of students matriculated during the current term is 236, eleven more than at the corresponding date last session. These young men have worked well, and, with very rare exceptions, their deportment has been excellent.

The religious condition of the College is unusually good. The Wake Forest Church held a meeting early in the session in which several students professed religion and others were much strengthened. This meeting was conducted by Rev. E. M. Poteat, one of the alumni of the College. Since the resignation of Dr. Gwaltney, the church has been without a pastor and the pulpit has been supplied, for the most part, by members of the Faculty. It is hoped that a pastor will be secured by the beginning of the new year. The Students' Association for Christian work is very helpful in the religious life of the institution.

The property of the denomination at the College is well cared for and is in good condition. The Memorial Hall has been rendered more secure and attractive by a beautiful panelled steel ceiling. Recent arrangements have resulted in the beautiful supply of water which for several years has been a desideratum.

At their last annual meeting the Trustees authorized an effort to raise the money with which to build and equip a gymnasium, and Prof. E. W. Sikes was requested to make the needed canvass. This building is a necessity, and it is hoped that the Baptists of the State will, by their contributions, enable it to be erected during the next summer.

The relations between the Convention and the College are close and vital. The prosperity of the College reacts upon the efficiency of the Convention. Every friend of the Convention should see to it, there-

fore, that the patronage which legitimately belongs to Wake Forest should not be diverted from it to any other institution within or without the State.

CAREY J. HUNTER,

F. P. HOBGOOD.

J. E. WHITE,

Committee.

Remarks were made by C. J. Hunter, T. E. Skinner, J. D. Boushall, A. C. Barron and C. E. Taylor.

J. R. Sampey, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, then presented the claims of the Seminary, and pledges were taken for the Student's Aid Fund amounting to \$638.50.

The Convention then adjourned, with benediction by C. F. Meserve.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7.30 p. m. The audience united in singing, "Come we that love the Lord." W. M. Vines, of Asheville, read the second Psalm and led in prayer.

O. F. Flippo, of Philadelphia, then addressed the body on the American Baptist Publication Society.

A solo was rendered by H. A. Wolfsohn, of Georgia.

Livingston Johnson, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board, was called to the chair.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by G. W. Greene as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A hundred years ago the friends of Foreign Missions were praying the Lord to open the nations that the missionaries might take the gospel to them. The Lord heard their prayers and opened the nations.

Then they prayed for men and women to take the gospel to the nations, and the Lord called the men and women. For several years there have been more candidates for appointment than could be sent. During this time our prayer has been that the Lord would quicken the spirit of missions among the people that the money might be furnished to send these men and women. The increase in contributions has been gradual but slow, and again our Board is calling for men and women.

The news from the field is encouraging. The reports to the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention included only the work of the year 1897. Many fields reported more baptisms than ever before. Already for this year the numbers have passed those of 1897. The South China Mission reported 132 for last year, and 147 for ten months of the present year. Large accessions are reported also in Central and North China and in Brazil. New stations are opening to our workers, and the hearers are more numerous in the old stations. There are signs of progress.

While there has been some progress in the contributions in the Southern States, there has been for some years little progress in North Carolina. For several years the gifts to other objects have been gradually increasing, but the gifts to Foreign Missions have continued about the same. We rejoice to see progress in other directions; we desire to see progress for this object also. This increase ought to come from larger gifts by those who have hitherto contributed, and the awakening of interest on the part of many who have not yet become regular contributors. Such increase can come only through patient and faithful efforts on the part of the pastors and brethren in the churches.

G. W. GREENE,

A. C. BARRON.

C. W. SCARBOROUGH,

J. S. MEADOWS.

F. H. FARRINGTON,

Committee.

Addresses were made by G. W. Greene, C. B. Justice and Secretary R. J. Willingham, of Richmond. The report was then adopted.

N. L. Shaw, for the Committee on Order of Business, submitted a report which was recommitted.

The Convention adjourned, with benediction by F. H. Jones.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

GREENVILLE, N. C., *December 10th, 1898.*

The Convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by W. M. Vines, of Asheville, who read from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Prayer was offered by C. F. Meserve and C. E. Taylor.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

N. L. Shaw, for Committee on Order of Business, made the following report, which was adopted :

SATURDAY.

- 10 a. m.—Periodicals.
- 11 a. m.—State Missions. Reports of Committees on Enlargement and on W. N. C. Work and Denominational Institutes.
- 2.30 p. m.—Home Missions.
- 3.30 p. m.—Orphanage.
- 7.30 p. m.—Sunday Schools and Colportage.
- 8.15 p. m.—Female University.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

- 7.30 p. m.—Historical Memorial Service.

MONDAY.

- 9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, A. I. Justice.
- 10 a. m.—Ministerial Relief Board.
- 11 a. m.—Ministerial and General Education.
- 12 m.—Woman's Work.
- 3 p. m.—General Business.

C. S. Cashwell, for Committee on Place and Preacher, made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee would name the First Church, Asheville, as the place. To preach the sermon, R. T. Vann ; alternate, W. C. Tyree.

On motion of L. Johnson it was unanimously—

Resolved, That article 3 of the Constitution be so changed as to read, "This Convention shall meet annually on Wednesday morning after the first Sunday in December."

John E. Ray offered the following Report on Periodicals, which was adopted :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is not easy to overestimate the importance of having wholesome literature in the homes of our people. For the information of the membership of our churches ; for the unification of our forces ; for the spiritual upbuilding of our Baptist men and women ; for the education of our children, we must have a good periodical—a religious journal.

In the progress of our denomination no one can calculate the influence which has been exercised by the organ of our Convention—the *Biblical Recorder*. For sixty-five years it has stood for every enterprise held dear by our fathers and ourselves: and the good which has resulted we shall know only when the great book is opened, after time shall have ended. No Baptist in North Carolina can afford to deprive himself and his family of the benefits to be derived from its weekly visits. We congratulate the Convention upon the union of the *Western North Carolina Baptist* with the *Biblical Recorder*.

We would also commend most heartily to the patronage of the members of the churches composing this Convention *Charity and Children*, the organ of our Orphanage; *Wake Forest Student*, *Baptist Historical Papers*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Seminary Magazine*, *Our Home Field*, and the *North Carolina Baptist*.

JOHN E. RAY.

W. G. BRITT.

J. W. COBB.

F. H. FARRINGTON.

J. M. ALDERMAN,

Committee.

The report was spoken to by T. E. Skinner, T. M. Pittman, A. M. Simms, John E. Ray, R. W. Weaver, T. T. Speight, O. F. Flippo, T. Bright and J. W. Bailey.

S. J. Porter offered the report on State Missions as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The year 1898 will be epochal in the history of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, because of two events—meeting at the place of its birth, and the consolidation of the work of the entire State.

Notwithstanding the fact that a fierce and distracting political storm has swept our State from mountain top to seashore, God has spoken an unusual peace to our Baptist voters.

We are devoutly thankful that God has given us a special token of His favor in guiding to the waters of baptism, through the hands of our 103 State missionaries, 1,466 converts, 132 more than were ever baptized by our missionaries in any previous year. They were also enabled to preach 6,721 sermons, an increase of 1,257 over the year before.

One-third of our State's territory having been added to our responsibilities, we heartily urge our State Board to advance our operations from a \$15,000 to a \$20,000 basis. To meet this increased expenditure and enlarged work, we recommend that every lay mem-

ber be urged to make a voluntary offering in cash of one day's labor or income. We urge the pastors to go home and at once present this opportunity of an offering of one day's labor or income to every man and woman in our churches.

We earnestly urge our pastors to lead the laymen in their voluntary "one-day wage offerings" by extending the pastors' voluntary ten days' free evangelistic services. We believe the laymen will freely give one day's cash income if they see the pastors giving ten days' extra preaching service. If the service of the one and the silver of the other can be united, we have solved the problem of developing our new territory.

We feel that our State Board should seek the cooperation of the associational committees of the late Western Convention in planning for the best work in that important territory.

We believe that if a more vigorous and persistent effort were made to have our churches make State Mission collections very early in the Conventional year that our missionaries could be paid promptly at the end of every quarter, and that there would be no need of making any arrangement with banks to get money during the first half of the year to pay them. We believe the time has come for our pastors and churches to get out of the unbusiness-like habit of putting off our State Mission collections to the last quarter in the year to pay men who have worked from the first of the year. We must reform, and pay our honest debts when they are due, quarter by quarter. If every pastor would begin immediately after returning home to collect a part of the State Mission pledges we believe that three desirable results would be secured: (1) More State Mission money would be raised and with less effort; (2) Our missionaries could be paid honestly and promptly; (3) Our State Board and our Secretary would have their minds relieved and their hands untied for other advanced work. This new beginning year of new leaf turning is the time to begin to do the right thing. Unless we try we will never reform our bad habits of doing three-fourths of the Lord's work on credit.

C. S. BLACKWELL,

S. J. PORTER,

G. M. DUKE,

W. E. WILKINS,

W. C. COOKE,

W. B. WAFF.

Committee.

Thomas Carrick submitted the following report on Enlargement of State Mission Work :

REPORT ON ENLARGEMENT OF STATE MISSION WORK.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the enlargement of the State Mission work, offer the following report :

That the recommendations of the Secretary of this Convention, as to the enlargement of the work, be adopted ; and that the State Mission Board be instructed, as suggested, to operate on a basis of \$20,000 the ensuing year.

THOS. CARRICK,
WM. J. FULFORD,
M. E. PARRISH,
RICHARD H. LEWIS,
Committee.

W. C. Tyree, for the Committee to Consider Recommendations of State Missions Board Relative to the Work in Western North Carolina, reported as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

We, the Committee to whom the recommendations of the Board of Missions, with reference to the work in Western North Carolina have been committed, advise that these recommendations be adopted :

1. That the Convention endorse the proposed annual meeting of Western North Carolina Baptists for the discussion of Missions, Education and other related subjects, to the end that the missionary spirit may be stimulated, missionary information disseminated, educational enterprises encouraged and the pastors and churches brought into personal contact and intimate fellowship in their work - with the suggestion that this proposed meeting shall be held, not only for the benefit of the former territory of the Western Convention, but for the entire mountain section of the State.

2. That for reasons of convenience, and that the churches be spared no encouragement in the duty of Christian beneficence, the Convention authorize the selection of an Assistant Treasurer for the funds contributed to different objects, who shall be located in the western territory, and who shall make regular monthly remittances by check or voucher to the Treasurer of the Convention.

3. That the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools be instructed to select and secure a general missionary or missionaries for the mountain section of the Convention, who shall work under the direction of the Board.

4. The Convention appoint a committee to confer as soon as possible with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to educational and mission work in Western North Carolina, seeking the cooperation of that Board in securing funds necessary to maintain a general missionary or missionaries, and to provide assistance for such destitute points as may need our help.

We also advise that the Board be instructed to provide, as far as practicable, for the immediate continuance of the mission work already in operation in the Western Convention and enlarge it as fast as possible.

J. B. BOONE.

R. T. VANN,

T. BRIGHT,

T. J. TAYLOR,

W. C. TYREE.

Committee.

J. N. Booth made the following report for the Committee on the Volunteer Mission Corps:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTEER MISSION CORPS.

We, the Committee to whom was referred the recommendation relative to Denominational Institutes, report the following:

We call attention to and commend the work done by the "Volunteer Mission Corps" and by brethren in Denominational Institutes, and advise that the work in these lines be continued; but in order to avoid confusion it seems best, to your Committee, to keep them separated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BOOTH,

A. M. SIMMS,

M. L. KESLER,

A. B. SMITH,

W. B. MORTON.

Committee.

The foregoing reports were discussed by J. D. Hufham, John E. Ray, John E. White, C. E. Taylor and W. E. Wilkins, after which they were adopted.

J. W. Bailey was instructed to send a telegram of congratulation to H. A. Brown, of Winston, who to-morrow completes the twenty-first year of his ministry with the First Church in that city.

The Convention then adjourned with benediction by T. M. Honeycutt, of Mars Hill.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembling at the hour appointed, the Convention was led in prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

On motion the matter of cooperation is taken from the table. After discussion by J. D. Hufham and J. E. White, the report was adopted.

A. D. Hunter, for the Committee to Nominate Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, made their report, which was adopted. [See "Boards of Convention."]

F. P. Hobgood submitted the report on Education, Ministerial and General, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

It is cause for regret that the interest in the work of the Board of Education does not seem to increase. The receipts of the Board do not keep pace with the growing needs and the growing financial ability of the denomination. This lack of increase, in view of the increase of contributions to the other objects of the Convention, is marked.

The Committee ventures to suggest that the highest interests not only of the young ministerial students receiving aid from the Board, but also of those receiving free tuition from the College, are not served by their becoming pastors of churches, while we are quite sure that the churches themselves suffer from such a connection, and that the reaction upon the Board itself is not favorable.

The general educational outlook of the denomination is full of cheer. A larger number of boys and girls are attending the colleges of the State than ever. We rejoice in the prosperity of Wake Forest College, and of Chowan Baptist Female Institute and Oxford Seminary. These institutions for girls have met the responsibilities resting on them, and have educated women worthy to walk by the side of sons of Wake Forest, to sympathize with them in their highest aspirations, and to assist them in their noblest endeavors. And we rejoice in the early completion of the Female University.

But that which gives the greatest hope for the education of the vast Baptist host of North Carolina is the establishment of secondary schools. A large number of the associations have erected academies to prepare for college the boys and girls purposing to obtain a thorough education, and to subserve the educational interests of

the far larger number who can not go to college. We recommend the establishing of such a school by every association in the State.

F. P. HOBGOOD, *Chairman*,

J. C. SCARBOROUGH,

F. L. CLEVELAND,

J. S. CORPENING,

R. T. VANN,

Committee.

The motion to adopt was laid upon the table for consideration Monday morning.

The report on Home Missions was presented by E. W. Sikes as follows :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Results of the present year's work of the Home Board can not be well ascertained until its labors for the year are finished and the figures are gathered. Every indication points to a larger work than any previous year. Last year the whole number of missionaries employed were 467, and the preceding year 372. The total number of missionaries for the current year will probably exceed five hundred. This ratio of increase may be expected to obtain in results of the Board's work throughout.

The general work of the Board in all departments is being maintained, and there is not a phase of this work that has not pressed upon the consideration of the Board urgent appeals for the necessity of enlarged appropriations. While this is true, there have been gratifying evidences of a forward movement all along the lines of denominational, and especially missionary, effort. Apparent differences and difficulties which threatened the best development and progress of churches, associations and conventions in some sections have been overcome, and an era of decided harmony and missionary determination seems to be settling over the Baptist Zion.

MOUNTAIN REGIONS.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Board was instructed to take under advisement the prosecution of the special work of Christian education in the mountain sections of our country, and earnestly advised to consider the advisability of employing a suitable man to give his entire time to the oversight of the work, and to the holding of Bible institutes for the instruction of the ministry in Bible doctrine and methods of Christian work.

These instructions were in harmony with the oft-repeated expres-

sions of the Board, and since the meeting of the Convention it has addressed itself to planning for their execution. Through its Committee on Mountain Missions and Schools it has been diligently seeking to secure just the right man for this important work. From present indications it is hoped this will soon be accomplished and the enlargement of this work fairly inaugurated. For some years the Board has been expending about four thousand dollars in mountain work. Several times this amount could be profitably used and will be required when the urgent demands of our mountain regions receive the consideration the Board has for years desired to give, and is now, by the Convention, authorized to do so.

CUBA.

In the providence of God all barriers to the free access of the gospel in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico have been removed. Thus, the Home Board is not only enabled to take up its work in Havana, but also there is imposed on Southern Baptists the great responsibility of covering the entire island with the Word of Life. Every indication is favorable for the reception of the truth by the natives throughout the entire island.

It is the intention of the Board to prosecute this feature of its work as vigorously and as early as practical. Numbers of missionaries will be required, and the Board will exercise great care and prudence in their selection, as well as the selection of points at which to establish the work.

Rev. J. R. O'Halloran, former missionary of the Board at Havana, was sent to Santiago about two months ago. He has established a school, ordained one native preacher, baptized not less than sixty or seventy-five converts, and constituted two churches. In part of this work he has had the counsel and assistance of Rev. D. H. Parker, of Georgia, who is chaplain in the United States Army.

The Committee of the Board who recently visited Havana was gratified with the success of their visit. They found that the women there had continued all the day and Sunday Schools and prayer services during the entire war. The Committee found everything favorable for a forward movement in Havana as early as the work can be reorganized, which the Board will do without delay.

It has been proposed by several States that there shall be raised not less than fifty thousand dollars for prosecuting work in Cuba. This sum would not exceed the amount required by the importance of the field, nor the ability of Southern Baptists to meet their obligations.

The Committees appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, met in joint session according to agreement in Wash-

ington, D. C., on the 23d day of November, in the office of the President of Columbia University.

The principal matter for consideration by the conference was to determine the relations of the two bodies in prosecuting work in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. After a full and frank discussion of the whole subject, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved. That, in the opinion of this conference, held this 23d day of November, 1898, in the city of Washington, D. C., and representing two great Home Mission societies of American Baptists, North and South, with a constituency of two and one half million communicants, it is expedient that the following division of territory should be adopted by the societies represented, viz: That the American Baptist Home Mission Society should prosecute its work in the island of Porto Rico and in the two eastern provinces of Cuba; while the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should prosecute its work in the remaining provinces of the island of Cuba."

WALTER SIKES, *Chmn.*,

A. R. FOUSHEE,

W. C. PETTY,

R. R. OVERBY,

E. LEE,

J. E. M. DAVENPORT,

C. F. MESERVE.

Committee.

The report was discussed by E. W. Sikes, W. S. Penick, S. J. Porter, and adopted.

G. L. Finch submitted the report of the Committee to Nominate Sunday School Committee, which was adopted. [See "Boards of Convention."]

On motion of W. F. Watson, the Orphanage was made special order for this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

B. F. Hester submitted the report of the Committee to Nominate the Board of Education, which was adopted. [See "Boards of Convention."]

A. W. Setzer read the report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, announcing the services for Sunday.

The Convention then adjourned with benediction by W. R. Gwaltney.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session of the Convention was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by C. W. Scarboro, who read from the fifth chapter of Romans and led in prayer.

On motion of N. B. Broughton, the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and consideration of same postponed till to-morrow afternoon at the Sunday School mass-meeting at 3 o'clock.

T. J. Taylor presented the following report on Ministerial Relief, which was adopted :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

During the past year the Ministerial Relief Board has done a most gratifying work. More would have been accomplished if the opportunity had been given, and the opportunity ought to have been afforded: for surely there are more than fourteen needy persons in this State who ought to be beneficiaries of this Board.

Two things are necessary in order that the Board may accomplish the work for which it was created. First, every person in the State entitled to receive its benefactions should be faithfully reported to the Board. To this end, all our people, and especially the pastors, should make diligent inquiry with reference to needy aged ministers and widows of preachers, and bring to the attention of the Board every needy case. Second, the pastors should bring the work of this Board before their churches and take collections for the same at least once a year.

We thank God for what has already been done in this department of our work, and earnestly recommend that a faithful effort be made, along the lines suggested, to increase the responsibilities of the Board; for increased responsibilities will surely be followed by enlarged contributions.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. TAYLOR,
N. L. SHAW,
J. S. HARDAWAY,
W. F. WATSON,
T. M. PITTMAN,

Committee.

H. L. Watson, for the Committee, submitted the report on the Orphanage which, after remarks by J. B. Boone, J. W. Bailey and E. E. Hilliard, was adopted :

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Thirteen years of orphanage work with North Carolina Baptists have passed into history.

Our people have builded better than they knew. With profound gratitude to God we chronicle the unabated progress of the Orphanage at Thomasville, and its growing favor with the people. The past year has been one of growth in all respects.

The number of orphans now present is about one hundred and seventy. The enrolment during these thirteen years has been considerably over five hundred.

Just a year ago at this time a fearful epidemic of measles prevailed; there were 110 cases. Only one fatal, and this was more from heart-failure than from measles. The health of the Orphanage has been well nigh perfect this year.

We note with thanksgiving that recently there has been a great spiritual work among the orphans. Twenty-five were baptized on last Sunday. Many others of these fatherless little ones have, we believe, received the Saviour.

The general management of the Orphanage and the work has been eminently satisfactory. Our noble band of workers there are thoroughly in love with their work.

Charity and Children—this is an excellent paper, and grows better as it grows in years. Five thousand copies of *Charity and Children* go regularly into the Baptist homes of North Carolina. It has its place and mission, and should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina.

The General Manager's house, a beautiful and commodious structure, has been completed.

Subscriptions to the amount of \$1,250 were raised at the last Baptist State Convention, of which only about nine hundred dollars have been forwarded designated for that specific work. It is probable that a number of contributions have been sent up for the work which were not so designated, and so had to go into the general funds. The actual cost of the building has been \$2,000, \$750 of which is not provided for. We recommend that some special effort be made to raise this deficit.

Dr. R. D. Fleming, who was a life-long friend of the Orphanage, bequeathed to the Orphanage an amount, which having been supplemented by his widow, is sufficient for the erection of a second nursery. The building will be erected in the early spring.

The present needs of the Orphanage:

We need to expend about five hundred dollars for milch cows.

The natural advantages of the Orphanage grounds make it possible, by the expenditure of a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars, to construct a good system of water-works. This is greatly needed, as it would add much to the comfort, convenience, health and safety of all concerned.

Enlargement: The occupation of the General Manager's house releases the Infirmary to be used for its own legitimate purpose. This will require an additional matron. Also, the building of a second nursery will require an additional teacher and matron. These things will increase the capacity of the Orphanage, and at the same time will correspondingly increase the expenses.

We heartily commend the custom of many churches of making a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage, and also of the Sunday Schools making a monthly offering to the same.

We sincerely regret to hear of the extreme illness of the former General Manager of the Orphanage, brother J. H. Mills—the pioneer of orphanage work in the State. His works will follow him.

H. L. WATSON,

JAMES LONG,

JOHN T. EDMUNDSON,

J. H. LAMBERTH,

T. D. BOONE.

Committee.

The following telegram was read:

WINSTON, N. C., *December 10, 1898.*

J. W. Bailey. Care of Convention. Greenville, N. C.

My heart overflows with gratitude to God and love for the brethren.
II Timothy iv. 2.

H. A. BROWN.

A cash collection was then taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$20.37.

The report on the Baptist Female University was presented by W. L. Poteat as follows:

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, work on the University building has been uninterrupted, except during the winter and early spring months, and it is now near to completion. Half of the flooring is laid, the plastering is completed this week, and the doors and windows will be in place by Christmas. The porches are finished, and are now in process of painting. The plumbing work has been

done, except the placing of the finishings; water and gas pipes, together with wires for electric lights, having been laid throughout the building. The steam-heating plant, with an excellent system of ventilation, has been completed and promises satisfaction. The amount expended upon the building up to date is \$33,853.45. We congratulate the Convention and the womanhood of the State upon the possession of as handsome and well-appointed a building as stands in our borders.

The total cash received during the Conventional year is \$7,081.66, which is nearly one thousand dollars in advance of the collection of the preceding year. This is most encouraging, in view of the peculiar conditions of the period.

But the funds for the continuance of the work on the building is now exhausted, and we would urge strongly upon the Convention and the churches immediate and large contributions for its completion at once, with the view of opening the institution next September.

W. L. POTEAT,

J. B. NEWTON,

A. L. BETTS,

Committee.

Remarks were made by R. T. Vann and O. L. Stringfield, after which pledges were taken for the Baptist Female University amounting to \$905.00.

The Convention united in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," and adjourned to meet to morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Benediction by C. E. Taylor.

FOURTH DAY—THE SABBATH.

Under direction of the Committee on Religious Exercises various churches in Greenville were supplied by brethren in attendance upon the Convention as follows :

Baptist Church—Sunday School. B. W. Spilman, presiding.

9.30 a. m.—Song Service. Prof. Wolfsohn.

9.40 a. m.—Five minute talks by N. B. Broughton, A. E. Dickenson, E. E. Hilliard, J. W. Bailey, H. C. Moore.

3 p. m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting, N. B. Broughton, presiding : B. W. Spilman, W. E. Wilkins, O. F. Flippo.

11 a. m.—Dr. J. W. Carter.

7.30 p. m.—Memorial Service.

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m.—Thos. Hume, D. D.

7.30 p. m.—W. M. Vines.

Methodist Church—11 a. m.—John E. White.

3 p. m.—Woman's Mass Meeting in behalf of Baptist Female University, presided over by Miss Heck.

7.30 p. m.—W. C. Tyree.

Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, colored—11 a. m.—O. L. Stringfield.

7.30 p. m.—A. M. Croxton.

2.30 p. m.—Union Service of Colored Churches. Chas. F. Meserve.

Methodist Church, colored—11 a. m.—Rev. C. E. Gower.

7.30 p. m.—Rev. S. J. Porter.

At 3 p. m. the Convention was called to order to hear the report on Sunday Schools and Colportage, which was presented by N. B. Broughton, and after discussion by N. B. Broughton, O. F. Flippo, W. E. Wilkins and B. W. Spilman, was adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee congratulates the Convention upon the splendid work accomplished during the past year in the Sunday School cause, and the increased and profitable business of our Book Store, at Raleigh.

We rejoice to believe that the true work of the Sunday School in teaching the Word of God is rapidly possessing the minds of our brethren and sisters, and that the use of the Bible in the school, rather than the quarterly or leaflet, is fast taking place.

Through the labors of brother B. W. Spilman and others in institutes, conventions and chautauquas, our people are being rapidly prepared for the important work of better facilities and of management and teaching. We commend to all the pastors and churches the importance of these meetings conducted in the interest of the Sunday School work, and hope they will urge their workers to attend same whenever possible to do so.

We heartily commend the support of the Sunday School and Colportage work to the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, and trust in every way possible the Committee of fifteen will prosecute the work committed to them.

N. B. BROUGHTON,

W. M. VINES,

FORREST SMITH,

A. BASS,

D. W. ALLEN,

R. A. HEDGPETH,

Committee.

At 7.30 p. m., just before the meeting of the Baptist Historical Society, after an appeal by T. Bright, a collection in cash and pledges, amounting to \$130.00, was taken for the Baptist Church in Murphy, N. C.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Historical Society, the President called L. Johnson to preside, and a short farewell service was given brother Geo. W. Greene, wife and daughter, missionaries to China, who are to sail in January next. C. E. Taylor delivered a brief parting address, to which brother Greene replied, and friends gave the parting hand while the congregation sang "God be with you till we meet again."

Thomas Hume offered the following, which was adopted :

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention, assembled in the birth-place of its organization, send by the hands of their dear brother, George W. Greene, this note of fraternal greeting and tender sympathy to their brethren and sisters beloved in the Lord who represent them in the China mission field. We are yours in the deathless love of the one Saviour and in the one work for the salvation of the world. We commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, and may He, the very God of peace, sanctify you wholly, and we pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you. He also will do it. 1 Thessalonians v. 23, 24.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

GREENVILLE, N. C., *December 12, 1898.*

The Convention assembled at 9.30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Herring, who read the fortieth Psalm. Prayer by John Mitchell, A. M. Simms and F. H. Jones.

The Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Ministerial Relief Board was read by the Secretary and adopted. [See "Boards of Convention."]

On motion, the following Committee is appointed to con-

fer with the Home Mission Board, with reference to educational and mission work in Western North Carolina: John E. White, W. M. Vines and L. Johnson.

On motion of A. M. Simms the Baptist Book Store is requested to provide the most accurate form of statistical letter and seek to introduce the same for uniform use among the churches of the State.

N. B. Broughton presents the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this body be appointed to confer with the railroad authorities of this State with the view of securing better accommodation and lower rates for delegates and visitors in attending our Annual Sessions.

The President appointed N. B. Broughton, A. M. Simms, Hight C. Moore, C. J. Hunter and B. W. Spilman as the Committee.

John E. White offered the following report of Special Committee:

Your Committee, appointed by the Convention at Oxford to represent the Convention in the Carrender Will case, desire to make the following report:

The case is still pending in the courts of Yadkin County. Efforts, which involved the necessity of a visit to all the parties to suit, have been made to secure a just compromise. Our efforts have not yet been crowned with success.

It is, however, probable that a compromise, from which the Convention will realize \$1,200.00 cash, will be effected.

JNO. E. WHITE.
J. D. BOUSHALL,
W. N. JONES.

The President announced that the same Committee would be continued.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following report:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It is fitting that we pause in our business, to place a tribute on the graves of those who have been called to their reward.

Some who were with us in our meeting at Oxford, have gone to the

great Convention in the skies, whose session never ends. We would make honorable mention of brethren J. A. Egerton, James Dowd and Jerry Gay; while there are others, doubtless, worthy of extended notice, we would speak especially of our great loss in the death of Dr. R. D. Fleming. On a quiet Sabbath day in April last, he heard the voice of his Master saying, "Thy work on earth is done, come up higher."

Brother Fleming was a man of Christlike spirit, gentle and modest in manner, his voice was not often heard in our meeting, but when he spoke, his words were words of wisdom.

He was very fond of children and they, in turn were very fond of him. This made him an excellent Sunday School worker. His love for children manifested itself again in his interest for the fatherless ones.

While he was liberal in his contributions to all objects, it is with our Orphanage that his name is inseparably linked. He wrote the first article advocating the establishment of a Baptist Orphanage in our State. He was one of the charter members of the Orphanage Association, and was an honored trustee from the beginning until the time of his death.

He was one of the first contributors to the Orphanage and during all years his gifts were large and numerous.

It was through his efforts that the excellent press upon which *Charity and Children* now is printed, was procured.

In his will he left a handsome sum to be used as the trustees thought best. His wife, who thoroughly sympathized with him in his love for the Orphanage, added to his princely bequest a sum sufficient to erect a much needed building. This is the second building that this excellent family has provided. So long as the Orphanage stands to bless our fatherless little ones, the memory of Dr. Fleming will be gratefully cherished by our people. He was successful in the accumulation of wealth, but more successful in the use he made of it.

Having served his generation, he fell on sleep.

L. JOHNSON,
J. MITCHELL,
THOS. E. SKINNER,
Committee.

Remarks were made by J. D. Hufham, A. M. Simms, N. I. Shaw and C. E. Gower, after which the report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial and General Education was taken from the table and discussed by John Mitchell, N. L. Shaw, A. D. Hunter, W. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Hufham, and then adopted.

A. W. Setzer reported the following answer to students in the Seminary :

GREENVILLE, N. C., *December 10, 1898.*

A. C. Cree and A. R. Love, Louisville, Ky.:

Greeting received. I Timothy iv. 14, 15, 16.

A. W. SETZER,
For Baptist State Convention.

The report on Woman's Work was offered by J. E. Herring as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We hail with joy our sisters, and congratulate them upon the splendid success they have achieved under God during the year now closing. Progress has been made along all lines of the work, and the outlook is exceedingly encouraging indeed. New societies have been organized at the rate of two for almost every week in the year. Thousands of cards, letters, leaflets and other literature have been sent on their mission of service, and the splendid sum of \$6,929.25 has been given to missions, and in the eleven years of the Central Committee's existence, our mission boards have received at their hands \$44,701.25.

New Associational Vice-Presidents have been added to the list of workers, and new lines of usefulness are opening up to their loving hands every year.

What can be chronicled and tabulated is, to my mind, the least of the great work accomplished. They are making a contribution to missionary literature that is sure to tell on the ages, and while devout mothers read, astonished children look in silent wonder at mother's tears, and in coming years will realize the meaning of mother's prayers. How their little eyes shine with pleasure and their young hearts burn with enthusiasm, when mother's hands are filling the "missionary box" with blessings for children they have never seen. Yes, they are growing up a generation of missionaries.

Again out of the societies come our best-equipped Sunday School teachers, who, when before their classes, tell the story of the Cross, will tell also of a needy world.

Another important help they render is known alone to the pastor. As from his burdened soul he speaks to praying hearts, the sympathetic tear can not fail to fire him with an enthusiasm that will be to his words as steam to a cold, dead engine, or the electric current to the lifeless wire.

One more word: The pastor that fails to avail himself of this source of helpfulness wrongs the cause of Jesus Christ.

J. E. HERRING,

J. Q. ADAMS,

W. S. PENICK,

J. A. MUNDY,

F. H. JONES,

Committee.

Remarks were made by F. H. Jones, Thomas Hume, J. W. Carter and the report adopted.

John E. White offered the following resolution:

Resolved 1. That the Convention of North Carolina Baptists reaffirm its unalterable faith in Christian Education and its conviction that our Baptist boys and girls should seek their training in Baptist schools and colleges.

2. That as citizens we believe that the State's policy which neglects the common schools—the schools of the people—and appropriates public money for the benefit of the few in Higher Education, is undemocratic, unjust to taxpayers, unfair to private and denominational beneficence, without excuse, and that the cause of education in all its branches would be greatly advanced by a reversal of that policy.

3. Therefore, exercising our right of petition, we, the Baptist State Convention, respectfully memorialize the Legislature soon to assemble to appropriate every available dollar of public money, however small the amount may be, to the improvement of our public schools, and that the policy of progress in this direction be set up and maintained until the reproach of illiteracy be removed from our State, and until the 600,000 boys and girls whose hope for enlightenment is in the public schools are afforded an opportunity to receive the primary instruction necessary to fit them for the duties of citizenship.

After remarks by Thomas Hume and Jno. E. White, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of B. W. Spilman, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to furnish each member of the Legislature with a copy of the resolution.

The following resolution, offered by R. H. Herring, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the Secretaries of the Convention be instructed to have printed 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this session of the Convention and

properly distribute the same, and that the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay from funds in his hands the salaries of the Secretaries for their work.

Thomas Hume introduced the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we hereby express our cordial appreciation of the delightful hospitality so generously given by our brethren, by the pastors and people of other Christian bodies and the citizens generally of Greenville; and we thank all those who have furthered us on our way and in our work.

Thomas Hume offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we express our interest in the work of the Baptist Young People's Union, and urge that all lend a hand in helping our young members to grow in grace and in knowledge.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet in Asheville on Wednesday, December 6, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. Benediction by J. W. Carter.

N. B. BROUGHTON,
HIGHT C. MOORE,
Secretaries.

R. H. MARSH,
President.

APPENDIX I.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

North Carolina Baptist Historical Society.

The Society met at 7.30 o'clock Sunday evening in the Greenville Baptist church, the members of the Convention taking part in a commemorative service, the President of the Society, Prof. Thomas Hume, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Dr. J. A. Mundy.

Brother Hume made an introductory address on "What the Historical Society Stands For"—the survey of the past which gives heart and assures success in the future, the *esprit du corps* that makes us feel the strength and weight of our denomination, the fearless critical investigation of truth.

Bro. Thomas M. Pittman, one of the editors of the society papers, gave a valuable and striking paper on "The Preparation for Baptist Work in North Carolina," showing that the population and the religious character and life were not determined by the Jamestown, Virginia, settlement so much as by the later Puritan strain and influence, and by other important foreign influences.

Bro. Thomas E. Skinner followed with a paper on "The Personnel of the Organizing Convention of 1830," rich in a veteran's discriminating portraiture of Patrick Dowd, Thomas Meredith, James McDaniel and Samuel Wait.

Bro. J. D. Hufham asked to be excused, for lack of time, from delivering his address on "The History of the Convention Since its Organization."

Prof. E. W. Sikes made an inspiring address, in lieu of an elaborate paper which he had prepared for the occasion, on the importance of preserving the materials for our history, of transmitting floating traditions, and all the oral collections of facts and opinions, by making written records that pass into permanent literature. Documentary history it is our duty to provide through authorized agencies.

The Historical Society papers, the magazine edited by brethren Pittman and Hufham, at Henderson, N. C., was commended as a repository of information of indispensable importance, and an appeal made for subscriptions to it.

A committee composed of brethren John E. White, Thomas M. Pittman, E. W. Sikes, and the President and Secretary of the Society, was appointed to arrange for the next meeting.

On motion of brother T. J. Taylor, the present officers were reelected for the ensuing year: President, Thomas Hume; Secretary, J. C. Caddell; Treasurer, W. L. Poteat; Chairman of Committee on Publication, T. M. Pittman.

J. C. CADDELL,
Secretary.

THOMAS HUME,
President.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- Abernathy, J. W., Matthews.
Adams, E. J., Richmond Hill.
Adams, J. Q., Wadesboro.
Adams, M. A., Lyons.
Adams, M. H., Venable.
Adams, J. J., Southport.
Adderton, W. S., Denton.
Alderman, J. O., High Point.
Allen, W. M., Fletcher.
Allison, E., Brevard.
Aman, D. F., Marines.
Ammons, J. A., Needmore.
Ammons, J. M., Halewood.
Ammons, John, Outlook.
Anderson, C. J. F., Hertford.
Anderson, J. W., Asheville.
Angel, Jas. J., Boonville.
Annas, J. R. J., Monbo.
Arrington, C. C., Shelton.
Atkinson, J. W., Neuse.
Austin, D. M., Charlotte.
Austin, D. H., Rockingham.
Ayers, W. A., Bethel.
- Bailey, L. J., Walnut Run.
Bain, G. A., Poes.
Baldwin, M., Winston.
Baldwin, T. M., Rise.
Baldwin, J. R., Silas Creek.
Ballard, W. S., Clarkton.
Ballard, J. M., Doolie.
Bardwin, J. H., Silas Creek.
Barker, A. N., Grade.
Barker, H. M., Peachtree.
Barker, W. F., Bud.
Barnes, S. D., Boomer.
Barnes, S. B., Lewiston.
Barnes, K., Sterling.
Barrett, W. C., Raleigh.
Barron, A. C., Charlotte.
Barr, J. S., Pinckton.
Barrett, E. B., Peachland.
Bartlett, G. A., Franklin.
Bassett, J. E., Asheville.
Beach, W. R., King's Creek.
Beam, J. A., Bethel Hill.
Beamer, W. H., Line Ridge.
Beard, C. E., Winnie.
Beaver, C. E., Mt. Holly.
Beeker, S. J., Michael.
- Beck, A. W., Calhoun.
Bell, J. W., Clinton.
Bennett, J., Iredell.
Bennett, J. L., Marshville.
Bennett, J. M., Marshville.
Betts, Alvin, Raleigh.
Betts, A. L., Raleigh.
Betts, J. T., Whiteville.
Bilbro, W. L., Ayden.
Bivens, J. A., Richardson's Creek.
Blackburn, S., Crumpler.
Blackwell, J. W., Unaka.
Blackwell, C. S., Wilmington.
Blalock, J. C., Ledger.
Blalock, T. L., Ching Kiang, China.
Blalock, J. G., Rockingham.
Blanchard, C. W., Kinston.
Bland, Wm., Hawley's Store.
Blevins, John, Hermitage.
Blevins, B., Absher.
Blevins, E., Blevins.
Blevins, C., Hermitage.
Bobbitt, E. C., Michenor.
Boone, J. B., Thomasville.
Boone, J. R., Estatoe.
Booth, J. N., Washington.
Bordeaux, A. J., Doughton.
Bostick, W. M., Troy.
Bostic, G. P., Shanghai, China.
Bostic, W. D., Wake Forest.
Boyd, J. P., Polkton.
Bradley, J. A., Grape Vine.
Bradley, W. T., Morgan Hill.
Bradshaw, E. T., Cora.
Bradshaw, W. R., North Wilkesboro.
Bray, G. N., Gatesville.
Bridgers, S. A., Forest City.
Bridgers, J. M., Waco.
Bridges, B. M., Lattimore.
Bridges, D. P., Catawba.
Bridges, J. D., New House.
Briggs, H. W., Bald Creek.
Briggs, J. W., Mars Hill.
Briggs, W. K., Briggsville.
Bright, A., Spring Creek.
Bright, T., Murphy.
Brindle, J. A., Cary.
Brisson, Wm., Guyton.
Britton, T. C., Soo Chow, China.
Bristow, S. F., Colerain.

- Britt, J. L., Turkey.
 Brock, T. J., Acton.
 Brooks, C. V., Lemon Springs.
 Brooks, G. W., Brevard.
 Brookshier, J. L., Flat Rock.
 Brown, Asa, Riverside.
 Brown, A. E., Asheville.
 Brown, J. W., Absher.
 Brown, C. C., Hamptonville.
 Brown, H. A., Winston.
 Brown, Joel, Elkville.
 Brown, W. G., Cross Roads Church.
 Brunt, Wm., Winnie.
 Bryan, L., Cypress Creek.
 Bryan, R. T., Shanghai, China.
 Buchanan, C. S., Barker.
 Buchanan, J. W., Minneapolis.
 Buchanan, J. L., Barker.
 Buchanan, S., Pulm Tree.
 Buchanan, W. S., Bakersville.
 Buchanan, E., Bakersville.
 Bungardner, A. P., Caesar.
 Bungardner, W. J., Swanner.
 Burcham, G. M., Elkin.
 Burcham, A. J., Mt. Airy.
 Burchett, J. W., Trap Hill.
 Burgess, C. S., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Busler, R. M., Winterville.
 Butler, A. A., Franklinton.
 Byrd, R. L., Tolarville.
 Byrd, W. F., Trap Hill.

 Caines, G. C., Orton.
 Caldwell, W. R., Robbinsville.
 Caldwell, Jno. W., Loreta.
 Cale, D., Potocasi.
 Callahan, N. A., White Hall.
 Calhoun, C. L., Medlin.
 Calhoun, T. J., Medlin.
 Camp, T. C., Tusquitee.
 Campbell, A. N., Poes.
 Campbell, J. A., Poe's.
 Campbell, Neal, Grayson.
 Carroll, R. D., Smyrna.
 Carroll, S. T., Stony Fork.
 Carrick, Thomas, High Point.
 Carlton, W. F., Summit.
 Carswell, Z., Enola.
 Carter, I. M., Bernice.
 Carter, Henry, Garland.
 Carter, J. W., Raleigh.
 Carter, T. S., Palestine.
 Cashwell, C. S., Cleveland Mills.
 Cashwell, J., Bladenboro.
 Cassiday, W. A., Trail Branch.
 Caudle, A. B., Waxhaw.
 Caudle, R. T., Rockingham.
 Caudle, J. J., Dockery.
 Chafin, M. S., Calahan.

 Chambers, S. A., Waynesville.
 Chappell, W. Y., Flint.
 Chappell, L. N., Milton.
 Cheek, F. B., Whitehead.
 Church, G. H., Statesville.
 Church, J. W., Reedy Branch.
 Clark, D. J., Register.
 Clark, F. P., Dogwood.
 Clark, M. L., Morganton.
 Clark, N. L., Chambers.
 Clarke, J. D., St. Paul's.
 Clayton, Clubb, Sexton.
 Clement, A. B., Bushness.
 Clenny, L. M., Silver.
 Cleavland, F. L., Chapel Hill.
 Cobb, N. B., Harrell's Store.
 Cobb, T. J., Chadbourn.
 Cobb, J. W., Lumber Bridge.
 Coleman, A., Murphy.
 Coly, W. J., Northside.
 Collie, D. S., Bryson City.
 Collins, J. W., Polk.
 Comer, J. Q., Hamptonville.
 Comer, W. T., Lovelace.
 Compton, M. C., Clyde.
 Conner, W. E., Quallatown.
 Conrad, S. F., Charlotte.
 Cook, H. B., Medlin.
 Cook, J. H., Lark.
 Coppedge, G. W., Wakefield.
 Corn, A. J., Grange.
 Corn, Noah, Little Creek.
 Corpening, I. N., Blowing Rock.
 Corpening, J. S., Burlington.
 Cothren, Grant, Trap Hill.
 Crabtree, W. A., Durham.
 Craig, B., Tarboro.
 Creath, W. T., Thuo.
 Cree, A., Littleton.
 Cree, A. C., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Creech, Worley, Micro.
 Crews, R. W., Germanton.
 Crisp, J. F., Norris.
 Crisp, E. D., Upton.
 Crisp, R. H., Dorsey.
 Croom, H. M., Lawndale.
 Cross, R. D., Winisor.
 Croxton, A. M., Monroe.
 Crumpler, J. C., Hope Mills.
 Cullom, W. R., Wake Forest.
 Cunningham, H. A., Swain.
 Current, J. M., Buck Shoal.
 Curtis, L. M., Aulander.

 Daitz, T. F., Barker.
 Davenport, J. E. M., Coinjock.
 Davis, A., Low Gap.
 Davis, W. H., Hendersonville.
 Davis, A. C., Unionville.

- Davis, A. W., Barker.
 Davis, J. F., Taylorsville.
 Dehart, T. S., Swain.
 Dennis, J. D., Polk.
 Denton, J. R., Dysartsville.
 Devenny, J. V., Poes.
 Devin, R. I., Oxford.
 Deweese, E. A., Hanging Dog.
 Deweese, L., Outlook.
 Deweese, W. W., Burningtown.
 Dietz, J. S., Pearson.
 Dietz, T. F., Barker.
 Dixon, L. R., Goldston.
 Dixon, T., Shelby.
 Dobson, J. H., Atkinson.
 Douglass, J. J., Clinton.
 Dowell, G. J., Lumberton.
 Dowell, J., Jennings.
 Duke, G. M., Dukes.
 Duncan, T. M., Beaver Creek.
 Duncan, J. W., Ledger.
 Duncan, H. J., Clinton.
 Dunn, W. C., Balsam Grove.
 Durham, C. H., Asheville.
- Earl, J. M., Swain.
 Early, D. W., Aulander.
 Edmundson, John T., Littleton.
 Edwards, A. A., Winnabow.
 Edwards, D. D., Morrisville.
 Edwards, E. J., Cedar Creek.
 Edwards, J. R., Swain.
 Edwards, O. T., Mt. Vernon Sp'ngs.
 Edwards, W. H., Durham.
 Elam, P. R., Kings Mountain.
 Eller, J. F., Sweet Water.
 Ellington, E. P., Wentworth.
 Elliott, Josiah, Hertford.
 Ensley, W., Dillsboro.
 Eudy, G. L., Efir'd's Mills.
- Farrington, F. H., Wilmington.
 Farthing, C. S., Hattie.
 Farthing, J. H., Hattie.
 Farthing, R. M., Louisville, Ky.
 Felmet, C. F., Waco.
 Fender, A., Laurelton.
 Ferrebee, J. B., Belcross.
 Ferrell, B. S., Waxhaw.
 Fields, C. F., Elkin.
 Finch, G. L., Carthage.
 Fisher, J. G., Roslin.
 Fleetwood, J. C., Margarettsville.
 Fontaine, P. H., Bethel Hill.
 Foster, J. A., N. Wilkesboro.
 Franklin, J. K., Devotion.
 Freeman, F. M., Logan's Store.
 Frisbie, T. J., Spring Creek.
 Furgerson, P. A., Lambsville.
- Fulford, W. J., Rockingham.
 Fuqua, S. W., Eagle Springs.
- Galloway, J. A., Wolf Mountain.
 Galloway, J. E., Galloway.
 Gentry, S. E., Dobson.
 Gibbs, N. H., Benson.
 Gilbert, R. H., Harrell's Store.
 Gillam, E. R., Drew.
 Gilmore, S., Goldston.
 Glenn, W. H., Thaxton.
 Glidewell, C. W., Meadows.
 Goforth, M. A., Big Pine.
 Goforth, S. S., Lovelace.
 Gooden, A. H., Bryantsville.
 Gornley, M., Aquone.
 Gosnell, G. W., Owenby.
 Gough, D. A., Bandana.
 Gourley, Robert, Winston.
 Gower, C. E., Jackson.
 Graham, H. W., Swann Station.
 Greaves, C. L., Pittsboro.
 Gray, W. F., Buck Shoal.
 Gray, W. T., Marler.
 Green, David, Norris.
 Green, B. P., Mooresboro.
 Green, J. B., Forest City.
 Green, J., Boiling Springs.
 Green, R. G., Hamptonville.
 Green, Solomon, Stony Fork.
 Green, C. L., Dark Ridge.
 Greene, G. W., Canton, China.
 Greene, Edmund, Norris.
 Greene, L. H., Bakersville.
 Greene, D. A., Bakersville.
 Greene, M. L., Ahoskie.
 Greene, S. M., Bakersville.
 Greenwood, —, Paint Rock.
 Griffin, J. W., Dallas.
 Grindstaff, I., Bakersville.
 Grizzard, R. W., Wallace.
 Gulledge, J. G., Brown Creek.
 Gwaltney, J. P., York Institute.
 Gwaltney, H. H., Vernon.
 Gwaltney, J. S., Cora.
 Gwaltney, L. P., Vashti.
 Gwaltney, W. R., Hickory.
 Gwyn, E. N., Buck Shoal.
- Hackney, J. D., Franklinville.
 Hackney, J. A., Siler City.
 Hagleman, J. G., Sweet Water.
 Hairfield, G. R., Greystone.
 Haithcock, U. F., Albemarle.
 Hall, J. W., Hayesville.
 Hall, W. F., Idaho.
 Hall, S. W., Mars Hill.
 Hamilton, L. C., Bowman's Bluff.
 Hamilton, R. F., Knight.

- Hamner, W. H., Lexington.
 Hamrick, F. C., Pump.
 Hamrick, D. M., Rutherfordton.
 Hardaway, J. S., Oxford.
 Hare, H., Gap Creek.
 Harman, A. J., Harman.
 Harman, D. C., Sugar Grove.
 Harman, G. W., Ramseur.
 Harman, J. M., Sugar Grove.
 Harrill, H. D., Forest City.
 Harrell, E. J., Eure.
 Harrell, J. B., Wilmington.
 Harrell, W. B., Dunn.
 Harrelson, H., Gaddysville.
 Harrill, Z. D., Ellenboro.
 Harrill, E. D., Ellenboro.
 Harrill, G. P., Murfreesboro.
 Harrington, E. P., Mission.
 Harris, B. B., Dysartsville.
 Harris, D. J., Yanceyville.
 Harris, D. P., Vandemere.
 Harris, J. M., Hartland.
 Harris, Wm., Knapp's Mills.
 Hartley, D. C., Minneapolis.
 Hartsell, J. W., Morven.
 Hartsell, P. G., Concord.
 Hawkins, A. B., Leicester.
 Hawkins, R. M., Sharon.
 Haymore, C. C., Mt. Airy.
 Haymore, R. D., Mount Airy.
 Haynes, J. M., Clyde.
 Haynes, W., Asheville.
 Hedgepeth, I. P., Lumberton.
 Hedgepeth, R. A., Cedar Creek.
 Hefner, D., Lenoir.
 Henderson, G. W., Blaine.
 Hensley, A. J., Wake Forest.
 Hensley, S. B., Bee Log.
 Hensley, W. E., Faust.
 Henson, A. B., Balsam.
 Herring, J. E., Henrietta.
 Herring, D. W., Ching Kiang, China.
 Herring, R. H., Halifax.
 Hewitt, D. L., Shallotte.
 Hice, J. H., Baton.
 Hilburn, D. H., Bladenboro.
 Hilburn, L. W., Freeman.
 Hilburn, Rufus M., Bladenboro.
 Hildebrand, A., Pearson.
 Hildreth, J. H., Wilmington.
 Hill, A. H., Cottonville.
 Hill, T. B., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Hilliard, J. M., Greensboro.
 Hocutt, J. C., Haw River.
 Hocutt, J. E., Nashville.
 Hodge, J. F., Pool.
 Hoge, B., Lacy, Concord.
 Hoggard, J. N., Severn.
 Hogue, G. F., Boonville.
 Holland, G. W., Winston.
 Hollar, E., Felts.
 Hollar, I., Eupeptic Springs.
 Holleman, J. M., Apex.
 Hollifield, A. P., Ellenboro.
 Honeycutt, G. A., Whitley.
 Honeycutt, R., Beanan's X Roads.
 Honeycutt, T. M., Mars Hill.
 Honeycutt, W. H., Concord.
 Hooker, W. H., Marshall.
 Hooper, G. W., Robbinsville.
 Hooper, L. W., Tuckasegee.
 Hopkins, W. J., Casar.
 Hopper, P. G., Issa.
 Hopper, C. F., Clinton.
 Hord, A. T., Glenville.
 Horner, K. C., Siler City.
 Horner, T. J., Henderson.
 Horrell, R. W., Hope Mills.
 Horton, O. C., East Durham.
 Howard, H. H., Bee Log.
 Howell, W. T., Wake Forest.
 Howell, J. K., Rocky Mount.
 Hoyle, J. A., Maiden.
 Hoyle, B. M., Estatoe.
 Hudgins, Richard, Pump.
 Hudson, T. J., Ching Kiang.
 Hufham, J. D., Henderson.
 Hughes, J., Byrd.
 Hughes, S. A., Valley.
 Hull, W. F., Camp Creek.
 Hume, Thos., Chapel Hill.
 Hunt, A., Gamble's Store.
 Hunter, A. D., Cary.
 Hurley, A., Bly.
 Hutchinson, J. H., Hutchinson's Sto.
 Ingram, H. M., Pekin.
 Irwin, A. C., Pearl.
 Isaac, E., Lineback.
 Jackson, Elbert, Turner's.
 James, R. H., Reuben.
 Jamison, Wesley, Bald Creek.
 Johnson, C. C., Reese.
 Johnson, L., Greensboro.
 Johnson, Wm. R., Ashe.
 Johnson, S. H., Gray's Creek.
 Johnson, L. E., Freemont.
 Jolly, J. R., Lomax.
 Jones, E. F., Zionsville.
 Jones, J. R., Royal.
 Jones, R. H., Bethel Hill.
 Jones, Wm. H., Blue Ridge.
 Jones, W. J., Estatoe.
 Jones, W. M., Maxton.
 Jordan, F. M., East Fork.
 Jordan, James, Central Falls.
 Jordan, S., Robinsville.

- Jordan, W. P., Hertford.
 Jordan, Y., Osbornsville.
 Justice, A. A., Ætna.
 Justice, T. B., Rutherfordton.
 Justice, A. I., Emma.
 Justice, C. B., Rutherfordton.

 Kane, E. F., Good Spring.
 Kanot, J., Robinsville.
 Kesler, M. L., Rocky Mount.
 King, J. D., Wampler.
 King, R. W., Wampler.
 King, T. C., Pensacola.
 King, W. G., Villanow.
 Knight, W. F., Blowing Rock.
 Kuykendall, J. A., Leicester.
 Kuykendall, W. I., Alexander.

 Lamberth, J. H., Lexington.
 Lancaster, J. F., Oak Ridge.
 Lancaster, W. D., Sandy Springs.
 Lane, J. L., Summerfield.
 Lanning, Jeff., Eldorado.
 Landsell, J. J., Roxboro.
 Larkins, J. D., Kenansville.
 Latta, A. T., Monroe.
 Lawhon, W. H. H., Lawhon.
 Lawing, J. W., Peachtree.
 Leach, M. J., Lassiter.
 Leatherman, J. F., Hull's X Roads.
 Lee, W. F., Tiptop.
 Lee, W. M., Summit.
 Lee, M. L., Ashepole.
 Leggatt, B., Windsor.
 Leggett, R. J., Howelville.
 Lennon, J. P., Applewhite.
 Lewellyn, J. H., Dobson.
 Lewis, C. H., Gamble's Store.
 Lewis, L. G., Pennington.
 Lewis, Joseph, Gage.
 Lewis, J. L., Laurelton.
 Lewis, John, Morehead.
 Lilly, Edmond, King's Creek.
 Limrick, R. L., Shelby.
 Little, J. W., Lane's Creek.
 Little, T. P., Marshall.
 Littleton, J. W., Palestine.
 Livingston, D. K., Little Pine Creek.
 Lloyd, L. A., Nashville.
 Loftis, R. M., Culler.
 Logan, W. H., Ayr.
 Long, J. H., Excelsior.
 Long, James, Goldsboro.
 Loudermilk, D. P., Bridgewater.

 Mace, G. W., Bowman's Bluff.
 Macomson, M. V., Graham.
 Manly, H., Brevard.
 Marcus, W. A., Homestead.

 Marley, H. C., Lenoir.
 Marsh, A., Marshville.
 Marsh, R. H., Oxford.
 Martin, C. H., Polkton.
 Martin, C. F., Murphy.
 Martin, J. H., Hamptonville.
 Martin, J. L., Creedmore.
 Martin, W. N., Trail Branch.
 Marshburn, A. B., Nealsville.
 Mashburn, H. H., Newbern.
 Mason, J. A., Conclave.
 Mason, W. C., Flats.
 Mason, B. K., Williamston.
 Mason, N. J., Louisville.
 Matthews, J. R., Hexlena.
 Matthews, B. H., Hot Springs.
 Matthews, N. J., Pilot Mountain.
 Matthias, B., Buck Shoal.
 May, S. S., Allgood.
 Mercer, T. J., Bolivia.
 McCarson, J. L., Hendersonville.
 McClure, W. B., Alexis.
 McDevitt, P., Mars Hill.
 McDuffie, J. F., Rock Springs.
 McGinnis, I. J., Banners Elk.
 McGugan, C. P., Lumber Bridge.
 McIntosh, C. M., Autryville.
 McKaughan, J. A., Albemarle.
 McKinney, C. H., Bakersville.
 McLendon, J. J., Wolfsville.
 McLure, W. H., Henrietta.
 McMahan, A., Forest City.
 McMillan, D. C., Ashepole.
 McNeil, M., Wilkesboro.
 Meadows, W. C., Poor's Knob.
 Meeks, O. P., Clinton.
 Melton, W. H., Kapp's Mill.
 Melvin, W. A., Harrell's Store.
 Melvin, W. S., Winnie.
 Merrell, G. L., Hobgood.
 Metcalf, C. C., Briggsville.
 Michael, Ray, Nettle Knob.
 Miles, John A., Leicester.
 Miller, Daniel L., Highlands.
 Miller, I. C.
 Milliken, C., Ash.
 Milliken, H., Ash.
 Mints, J. A., Shallotte.
 Mitchell, John, Wake Forest.
 Mitchell, S. W., Asheville.
 Moffitt, J. I., Stone Mountain.
 Montague, E. J., Allensville.
 Moore, H. C., Newbern.
 Moore, I. F., Lynch.
 Moore, J. O., Hunting Creek.
 Moore, R. A., Red Springs.
 Moore, R. R., Greensboro.
 Moore, J. D., Red Springs.
 Moore, J. R., So. Bap. Theo. Sem'n'y.

- Morgan, B. L., Homestead.
 Morgan, D. A., Spring Creek.
 Morgan, E. J., Hominy.
 Morgan, F. M., Flats.
 Morgan, S. J., Morgan Hill.
 Morgan, W. C., Robbinsville.
 Morris, J. F., Stanley's Creek.
 Morton, D. S., Whitney.
 Morton, H., Thomasville.
 Morton, W. B., Roxboro.
 Morton, W. G., Albemarle.
 Moss, T. J., Forest City.
 Moss, N. H., Cherryville.
 Mull, W. B., Shoup's Ford.
 Mullinox, T. H., Grover.
 Mundy, J. A., Reidsville.
 Murchison, C. M., Penelope.
 Myers, I. T., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Myers, D. W., Round Mountain.
 Myers, W. R., Salisbury.
 Myers, T. C., Martin.
 Myers, A. E., Round Mountain.
 Myers, J. W., Round Mountain.

 Naylor, M. W., Giles Mills.
 Neison, C. J., Goldsboro.
 Nelson, E. R., Hendersonville.
 Nelson, J. H., Patterson.
 Newell, G. W., Mapleville.
 Newton, I. T., Brevard.
 Newton, J. B., Aulander.
 Newton, J. D., Thomasville.
 Newton, H. F., Casar.
 Noble, J. W., Willard.
 Norris, H. W., Cosma.
 Norris, Isaac, Cruso.
 Norris, John, Sweet Water.
 Norton, J. H., Venable.
 Nowell, W. C., Nashville.

 Olive, W. S., Apex.
 Oliver, P., Dalton.
 Oliver, W. P., Wilmington.
 Ollis, W. H., Plum Tree.
 Oneil, G. G., Louisburg, Ky.
 Orr, G. W., Robbinsville.
 Orrell, N. B., Abbott's Creek.
 Osment, J. R., Dallas.
 Overby, R. R., Belcross.
 Overton, W. C., Harrelsville.
 Owen, J. L., Glenville.
 Oxford, Isaac, Cedar Valley.

 Pace, J. R., Wilton.
 Page, S. C., Godwin.
 Page, Wiley M., Falcon.
 Palmer, R. L., Leander.
 Parks, E. L., Lisbon.
 Parker, C. J. D., Durham.

 Panther, J. P., Quallatown.
 Pardew, A. T., Adley.
 Paris, T. W., New Castle.
 Parish, M. E., Salisbury.
 Parsons, W. C., Bandana.
 Patton, R. L., Morganton.
 Payne, J. M., Blowing Rock.
 Payseur, J. J., Concord.
 Pendergrass, J. R., Franklin.
 Penick, W. S., Elizabeth City.
 Perkinson, L. C., Wise.
 Pernel, M. R., Franklinton.
 Peterson, C. D., Dalila.
 Phillips, John, Beech Creek.
 Phillips, Wm., Mt. Airy.
 Phillips, J. L., Houck.
 Pierce, E. S., Pantego.
 Pinner, R., Faust.
 Pippin, A. A., Wakefield.
 Pitchford, J. A., Littleton.
 Pittman, A. R., Rennert.
 Pittman, A. E. C., Rennert.
 Platt, J. T., Warne.
 Plemmons, James, Biltmore.
 Poe, E. A., Cora.
 Pool, C. C., Partee.
 Porter, S. J., Morganton.
 Porter, C. W., Elm City.
 Porter, A. H., Orton.
 Poston, R., Pearl.
 Potter, W. J., Elk Park.
 Powell, J. W., Rocky Mount.
 Prevatt, F. A., Lumberton.
 Prevatt, John, Huntley.
 Prewett, N., Knob Creek.
 Privette, I. T., Wilkesboro.
 Proffit, M. S., Mars Hill.
 Pruett, L. R., Charlotte.
 Pruitt, Julius, Connellys Springs.
 Pruitt, Berry, Knob Creek.
 Pruitt, G., Penelope.
 Pruitt, Wm., Robbinsville.
 Pugh, J. M., Randleman.
 Pulliam, J. G., Lenoir.
 Putnam, J. W., Magnetic City.

 Queen, A. C., Tuckaseegee.
 Queen, B. N., Tuckaseegee.
 Queen, J. H., Bryson City.
 Queen, L. E., Cowart's.

 Ramsey, Garret, Marshall.
 Ramsbottom, C. F., Chadbourn.
 Rector, J. A., Morganton.
 Reddish, W. H., Wilson.
 Redwine, J. F., Fork Church.
 Reece, J. N., Galloway.
 Reed, W. W., Balsam.
 Reid, T. M., Huse.

- Reedy, E. W., Crumpler.
 Reese, J. V., Cruso.
 Rhodes, J. R., Saluda.
 Rickard, D. B., Columbia.
 Rich, W. H., Thomasville.
 Richardson, J. B., High Point.
 Rickman, P. R., Leatherman.
 Riddle, B. B., Pensacola.
 Riddle, H. B., Big Pine.
 Riddle, J., Beaver Creek.
 Roberts, Creel, Berlin.
 Roberts, D. J., Cherry Lane.
 Roberts, D. J., Trap Hill.
 Robertson, W. A., Burnardsville.
 Rogers, J. W. F., Apex.
 Rogers, M., Bushnell.
 Rollins, B. F., Elkin.
 Rose, J. W., LaGrange.
 Rowell, J. E., Cleon.
 Rowell, S. J., Cleon.
 Roy, W. H., Paint Fork.
 Royall, W. B., Wake Forest.
 Royal, F. M., Ching Kiang, China.
 Royal, R., Kelly.
 Ruppe, John, Byarsville.
- Sales, J., Mount Tabor.
 Sandling, R. C., Clinton.
 Saunders, B., Lilesville.
 Scarborough, C. W., Murfreesboro.
 Seagraves, W. M., Jonesville.
 Sears, D. R., Siler City.
 Segle, L. M., Spring Creek.
 Sellers, Lorenzo, Supply.
 Sentell, R. A., Clyde.
 Settle, J. F., Byrd.
 Settlemyre, G. W., Henrietta.
 Setzer, A. W., Greenville.
 Shaver, J. M., Dealville.
 Shaw, J. A., Creswell.
 Sheets, Henry, Lexington.
 Shell, P. J., Altamont.
 Shell, J. T., Petra Mills.
 Shell, L. C., Jonas Ridge.
 Shelly, N. A., Burgaw.
 Shepherd, J. J., Brindletown.
 Sherrill, T. C., Jumbo.
 Sherwood, J. J. L., Yerger.
 Shinn, J. L., Mooresville.
 Shumate, James, Sparta.
 Silver, Thomas, Micaville.
 Simmons, S. F., Jonesville.
 Simms, A. H., Dillsboro.
 Simms, A. M., Raleigh.
 Skinner, T. E., Raleigh.
 Sledge, J. W., Stallings.
 Smiley, J. S., Swain.
 Smith, A. B., Dillsboro.
 Smith, James A., Fair Bluff.
- Smith, J. E., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Smith, J. L., Siler City.
 Smith, W. A., West Durham.
 Smith, Forrest, Louisburg.
 Soles, J., Mount Tabor.
 Sorrells, J. C., Nealsville.
 Sorrell, W. M., Cary.
 Southern, W. P., Asheville.
 Sparks, J. C., Bakersville.
 Speight, T. T., Lewiston.
 Spence, J. R., Polk.
 Spence, J. P., Hertford.
 Spilman, B. W., Raleigh.
 Sprinkle, A. J., Peek.
 Stallings, J. N., Salisbury.
 Stallings, N. P., Moyock.
 Stamey, A., Bliss.
 Stamey, E. A., Lineback.
 Stanley, J. F., Solitude.
 Stephens, M. A., Lumberton.
 Stewart, J. L., Clinton.
 Stoker, A. P., Denton.
 Stone, C. K., Haystack.
 Stough, A. L., Pineville.
 Stradley, J. A., Oxford.
 Stringfield, O. L., Raleigh.
 Summey, J. A., Hannersville.
 Suttle, J. W., Smithfield.
 Swaim, S. D., Mocksville.
 Swaim, V. M., Cross Roads Church.
 Swain, E. L., Shallotte.
- Tatum, E. F., China.
 Talbirt, W. T., Concord.
 Taylor, A. J., Chinquapin.
 Taylor, C. E., Wake Forest.
 Taylor, E. L., Rutherfordton.
 Taylor, T. J., Warrenton.
 Teeter, E. D., Locust Level.
 Tew, J. W., Iredell.
 Tew, D. T., Clinton.
 Thomas, A. B., Silver.
 Thomas, C. A. G., Fayetteville.
 Thomas, I. W., Lenoir.
 Thomas, James, Bandana.
 Thomason, D. W., Gaffney, S. C.
 Thompson, K., Low Gap.
 Tilley, George V., Winston.
 Thorn, J. B., Ferry.
 Toney, B. W., Sunshine.
 Townsend, J. T., Carmichael.
 Treadway, E. R., Cove Creek.
 Treadway, R. F., Shelby.
 Trivett, J. W., Dark Ridge.
 Tucker, Elihu, Bud.
 Tuttle, J. F., Clayton.
 Tyree, W. C., Durham.
- Utley, C. H., Wake Forest.

- Vanhoy, W. H., Hamptonville.
 Vann, R. T., Scotland Neck.
 Vernon, J. H., Cedar Grove.
 Vestal, M. M., Jonesville.
 Vines, W. M., Asheville.
 Vinson, J. D., Cullasaja.
 Vipperman, J. L., Newton.

 Waff, W. B., Reynoldson.
 Walker, N., Newcastle.
 Wallen, Jesse, Marshall.
 Wallen, S., Big Laurel.
 Walton, M. C., Wilmington.
 Ward, Benjamin, Marines.
 Watson, W. F., Edenton.
 Watson, J. W., Chapel Hill.
 Weatherman, J. G., Jennings.
 Weaver, R. W., So. Bap. Theo. Sem.
 Webb, G. M., Shelby.
 Welborn, T. M., Trap Hill.
 Wells, C. G., Warsaw.
 Welch, H. D., Balsam.
 West, J. H., Downsville.
 West, W. C., Fayetteville.
 Wheelous, Z. W., Grissom.
 Whisnant, E. S., Maiden.
 White, J. A., Taylorsville.
 White, J. E., Raleigh.
 White, J. M., Apex.
 White, G. W., Rockyhock.
 White, M. P., Wilmington.
 Whitener, P. A., Morganton.
 Whiteside, Z. T., Uree.
 Whiteside, W. M., Rutherfordton.

 Whitlock, L. A., Silver.
 Wilcox, A. G., Brinkleyville.
 Wilcox, William, Todd.
 Wild, J. M., Walnut Run.
 Wild, J. R., Big Pine.
 Wilhoit, G. O., Ansonville.
 Wilkins, W. E., Clyde.
 Williams, A. J., Kapp's Mill.
 Williams, B. B., Harrellsville.
 Williams, C. C., Royal.
 Williams, J. M., Clover.
 Williams, O. P., Robbinsville.
 Wilson, L. A., Sutherlands.
 Wilson, Samuel, Bee Log.
 Wilson, W. H., Madison.
 Wood, T. G., Belcross.
 Wood, E. M., Cisco.
 Woodruff, C. E., Hickory.
 Woodson, C. J., Gatesville.
 Woodward, J. S., Needmore.
 Wooten, E. W., Clarkton.
 Wooten, F. T., Huntley.
 Wooten, R. W., Ronda.
 Wright, N., Lark.
 Wright, J. W., Felts.
 Wright, T. S., Rockingham.
 Wright, W. L., Troy.
 Wyatt, W. J., Perth.

 Yarborough, J. H., Forest City.
 Yarborough, A., Lexington.
 Younce, Jacob, Dark Ridge.
 Young, A. W., Scaly.

STATISTICS OF BENEVOLENCE.

ations.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	The Poor.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage	Other Objects	Minute Fund.	Ministerial Relief.	Total.
der	\$338	\$121	\$15		\$12	\$13	\$61		\$9		\$15	\$6	\$611
ay and son													*819
	277			\$28	28	4	1		3		21		356
ic	5,115	1,114	159		488	128	250	\$126	225	\$3,304	28	48	10,995
	1,276	63	29	26	181	70	74	47	45		17	16	1,849
	750	86	5	120	55	67	72	22	16	56	9		1,244
reek	750	75	100	250	1		38		11		21	8	1,257
Mt.	835				77	47	151	39	112		14		1,206
ll.	800	413	26		31	11	132	4	69	121	21	10	1,634
ear	1,144	338			68	14	37	9	29		26	14	1,678
sa River	1,077	326			57		212		145	108	10		1,878
Creek	980	486			77	84	73	9	83	53	15	16	1,876
l	4,890	999	252	779	1,119	420	698	173	309	860	36	42	10,556
n	8,528	1,082	202	1,150	446	223	345	151	219	720	68	11	13,148
bus	875	86	1	66	96	71	114	4	30	20	9		1,372
n	5,651	184	94		507	135	765	50	123	266	42	50	5,998
	251	1,148			77	2	13	2	18		18	1	1,512
iver	4,670	323	84		294	109	534	204	184	1,393	33	32	7,878
i Broad	360				300		29		33		24		746
River	1,892	141	258	291	244	199	209	8	79	3,128	32		6,174
Mount'n	3,390				237	135	206	61	78	1,051	35	36	5,228
y	1,731	130	20		165	97	160	83	264	690	26	36	3,420
River	1,031	55	21	401	179	50	53	24	78	25	31		2,084
enburg													
Cabarrus	3,437	1,135	66	355	551	95	192	91	175	460	22	29	7,369
il	500	87	31			1	6		6	53	20		1,267
omery	630	452		25	46	20	36	5	45		12	2	1,231
ou	7,187	1,404	316	469	741	293	477	151	350	421	50	118	11,990
ee	4,860	492	100	199	253	252	238	73	163	226	24	32	6,360
ont	3,067	843	105	1,059	221	214	344	24	160	1,165	20	33	6,883
ountain	3,426	2,514		4,462	530	188	308	161	264	603	28		13,333
h	5,170	1,312	316	1,986	652	294	402	64	289	1,740	45	48	12,918
on	4,074	2,171	50		547	284	475	96	377	547	23	53	8,677
Creek	2,034	99	869		183	139	293	120	192	176	26	27	4,093
Run	1,392	397			91	73	129	34	29	373	25		2,584
Fork	2,985	490		975	223	83	116	21	154	31	21	34	5,624
River	2,102	171		750	381	21	139	18	55	453	23	15	4,128
Yadkin	2,595	632	89	576	363	72	163	54	209	941	17	34	5,625
	903	129	8	311	65	37	44	16	74	17	14		1,602
Mount'n													*14
Fork													*163
ver	10,356	2,003	354	1,374	1,445	370	497	182	766	2,029	62	78	19,716
Forks	759	48	49	165	36	42	140		26	34	31	7	1,386
	1,851	263	31	285	148	163	200	30	97	304	40	8	3,384
Chowan	7,343	808	257	771	669	306	799	291	610	658	65	35	13,199
n	1,054	132			28	24	38	5	66	96	19		1,427
y	199				13	1	5		4	2	14		229
ota!	111,566	22,762	3,909	16,874	11,925	4,551	8,269	2,442	12,376	22,115	1,152	979	216,756

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Associations.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Contributions	Expenses	Quarterlies and Papers.
Alexander	9	13	463	476		\$16.00	
Aileghany and Grayson *							
Ashe County							
Atlantic	44	253	1,980	2,242		834.00	2,172
Beulah	9	47	278	325		43.00	169
Bladen	16	168	911	1,019		32.00	390
Brier Creek	14	74	1,247	1,321			
Brushy Mountain	13	78	677	755		75.00	370
Caldwell	8	63	644	707	\$32.00	62.00	532
Cape Fear	20	136	928	1,064	124.00		361
Catawba	8	47	542	589	65.00	73.00	434
Cedar Creek	8					70.00	
Central	20	193	1,987	2,180	734.00	658.00	2,483
Chowan	42	575	4,235	4,810	159.00	728.00	4,264
Columbus	14	103	713	816	89.00	77.00	4,055
Eastern	42	165	1,509	1,674	201.00	327.00	
Elkin*							
Flat River	28	259	1,184	1,413	374.00		1,348
French Broad*							
Green River	35	220	1,943	2,163		110.00	2,285
Kings Mountain	28	217	2,371	2,588	174.00	187.00	2,060
Liberty	16	152	1,114	1,266		100.00	1,310
Little River	20	120	1,085	1,214		108.00	507
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	15	145	1,063	1,508	1,116.00	507.00	1,335
Mitchell County	15	75	787	862		125.00	
Montgomery	8	46	392	438	4.00	66.00	181
Mount Zion	20	298	2,755	3,051		815.00	3,946
Pec Dee	26	177	1,775	1,952		320.00	1,894
Piedmont	19	137	1,594	1,731	281.00	380.00	925
Pilot Mountain	35	292	3,547	3,839		1,650.00	3,578
Raleigh	39	352	3,410	3,762	401.00	971.00	3,480
Robeson*	32						
Sandy Creek	17	118	1,018	1,136	37.00	6.00	
Sandy Run	20	125	684	809			1,063
South Fork	18	152	1,429	1,581			
South River	24	145	1,539	1,684			
South Yadkin	15	125	1,204	1,339	50.00	152.06	1,021
Stanly	14	88	715	823		70.00	875
Stone Mountain*							
Stony Fork	7		441			6.00	
Tar River	70	553	4,903	5,456	652.00	1,140.00	5,844
Three Forks	27	71	1,496	1,567	9.00	70.00	1,038
Union	25	158	1,529	1,687		3.00	1,303
West Chowan	41	284	3,048	3,332			3,327
Yadkin	23	147	1,548	1,695		120.00	849
Yancey*							
Total	1,004	6,389	57,697	64,869	4,538.00	9,407.00	54,339

* No report.

Associations.	Moderator.	Post-office.	Clerk.	Post-office.	Place of Next Meeting.	Date.
Alexander	J. J. Hendren	Vashti	T. A. Hudson	Taylorsville	Lenny's Grove	Sept. 28.
Alleghany and Grayson	J. N. Daughton	Laurel Springs	J. M. Wagoner	Whitehead	New River	Nov. 4.
Ashe County	James Eller	Berlin	G. L. Porter	Bud	Tabernacle	Aug. 29.
Atlantic	C. W. Blanchard	Kinston	H. C. Moore	Newbern	Yanceyville	Oct. 10.
Beulah	J. H. Lamberth	Lexington	E. R. Harris	Yanceyville	Yanceyville	Aug. 8.
Bladen	W. S. Melvin	Winnie	F. S. Averitt	Abbotsburg	Cranberry	Nov. 9.
Brier Creek	J. C. Jarvis	Loveless	J. M. Crater	New Castle	Lewis Fork	Oct. 5.
Brushy Mountain	J. L. Hemphill	Moravian Falls	V. McGhinis	Boomer	Blairs Fork	Aug. 24.
Caldwell	J. W. Thomas	Lenoir	J. V. McCall	Lenoir	Blairs Fork	Sept. 1.
Cape Fear	A. C. Meares	Calabash	I. Jenrette	Iredell	North Catawba	Oct. 20.
Catawba River	J. H. Hoffman	Morganton	Fred G. Turner	Morganton	Mt Gilead	Oct. 5.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	A. J. Hall	Clay Fork	Mt Gilead	Oct. 11.
Central	Jno. E. Ray	Raleigh	C. E. Brewer	Wake Forest	Brassfields	Oct. 10.
Chowan	J. A. Sprinll	Columbia	L. Hoffer	Gatesville	Whiteville Grove	May 23.
Columbus	J. I. Memory	Whiteville	A. M. Kelly	Bladenboro	Cherry Grove	Sept. 21.
Eastern	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	A. R. Herrings	Taylors Bridge	Mt. Holly	Oct. 3.
Elkin	C. F. Fields	Elkin	C. P. Burchett	Dimmette	Mt. Holly	Sept. 22.
Flat River	B. S. Royster	Oxford	W. P. Jervis	Mars Hill	Big Laurel	July 10.
French Broad	J. F. Tilsen	Grape Vine	A. P. Sorrell	Gilkey	Big Laurel	Oct. 18.
Green River	M. M. Landrum	Fingerville, S. C.	D. S. Lovelace	Metal	New Prospect	Sept. 21.
Kings Mountain	E. G. Webb	Shelby	Henry Sheets	Lexington	Abbotts Creek	Sept. 21.
Liberty	James Smith	Lexington	J. A. Campbell	Poes	Abbotts Creek	Aug. 23.
Little River	J. M. Holleman	Apex	W. P. Jervis	Poes	Abbotts Creek	Nov. 9.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	S. N. Greene	Bakersville	D. W. Greene	Ledger	Yellow Mountain	Sept. 14.
Mitchell County	W. L. Wright	Troy	E. Lee Fox	Star	Troy	Oct. 12.
Montgomery	O. C. Horton	Durham	C. R. Scott	Cary	Mt. Pisgah	Oct. 3.
Mt. Zion	J. O. Adams	Wadesboro	W. J. Matthews	Riverton	Ansonville	Oct. 19.
Pee Dee	R. W. Brooks	Greensboro	W. H. Eller	Greensboro	Kamsur	Aug. 30.
Piedmont	D. F. King	Leaksville	J. T. Valentine	Winston	Mt. Airy	Aug. 3.
Philo Mountain	J. M. Broughton	Raleigh	J. C. Birdsong	Raleigh	Holly Springs	Oct. 26.
Raleigh	A. R. Pittman	Rennert	E. K. Proctor	Launberton	Holly Springs	Oct. 26.
Robeson	W. H. H. Lawhon	Lawhon	C. V. Brooks	Lemon Springs	Sandy Branch	Oct. 5.
Sandy Creek	F. B. Gaffney	Heurietta	D. P. Bridges	Catawba	Mt Holly	Oct. 5.
Sandy Run	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	J. B. Downey	Buckhorn	Mt Holly	Oct. 26.
South Fork	H. I. Hall	Falcon	S. J. Tatam	Jerusalem	Society	Oct. 19.
South River	J. N. Stallings	Salisbury	E. D. Teeter	Loonst	Society	Aug. 31.
South Yadkin	E. F. Eddins	Palmerville	J. S. Kilby	Trap Hill	Society	Nov. 2.
Stanly	C. Blevins	Ira	Wm. Lee	Summit	Mt. Vernon	Sept. 7.
Stone Mountain	J. C. Miller	Warrenton	A. G. Wilcox	Brinkleyville	Warren Plains	Sept. 26.
Stony Fork	N. I. Shaw	Hattie	S. Haganman	Sweet Water	Beech Mountain	Aug. 29.
Three Forks	W. S. Farthing	Monroe	R. F. Beasley	Monroe	Marshville	Oct. 5.
Union	H. E. Cople	Murfreesboro	W. R. Rayner	Roseland	Marshville	Oct. 5.
West Chowan	J. C. Scarborough	Rockford	V. V. Swaim	Cross Roads Church	Sandy Springs	Aug. 17.
Yadkin	J. G. Burrus	Pensacola	N. N. Silver	Micaville	Sandy Springs	Sept. 8.
Yaucy	E. B. Riddle					

STATISTICS—Associations formerly comprising the Western North Carolina Convention, now a part of the Baptist State Convention.

Associations	Churches	Baptisms.	Total Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOLS		Value of Church Property.	REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS			Aggregate
				No.	Enrollment.		Home Purposes.	Missions	Other Benevolence.	
Buncombe Co -----	32	213	3,541	24	2,197	\$70,000	\$10,238.22	\$787.47	\$433.13	\$11,
Carolina -----	41	187	4,173	22	1,222	13,150	1,365.35	229.96	82.70	1,
Haywood Co -----	14	107	1,644	8	866	10,000	1,417.92	86.27	46.44	1,
Liberty-Duck town --	20	79	1,628	17	667	3,175	336.72	38.07	-----	-----
New Found -----	21	79	1,439	8	-----	16,850	16.45	42.02	-----	-----
Tennessee River ---	35	132	2,167	27	1,425	5,500	647.85	55.20	10.56	-----
Transylvania -----	21	48	1,818	11	649	6,575	939.07	92.99	55.94	1,
Tuckasegee -----	42	305	3,820	31	1,589	14,600	1,703.30	81.39	137.16	1,
Western -----	21	63	1,630	16	919	7,425	648.59	102.61	19.33	-----
Total -----	257	1,213	21,860	164	9,474	147,275	19,403.50	1,516.68	785.26	19,

Summary of latest reported statistics of the Baptist State Convention for last year:

Number of churches-----	-----	10
Membership -----	-----	-----
Baptized -----	-----	-----
Number Sunday Schools -----	-----	-----
Scholars enrolled -----	-----	-----
Contributions to Missions -----	-----	2
Contributions to home expenses -----	-----	-----
Contributions to education -----	-----	-----
Contributions to Orphanage -----	-----	-----
Contributions to other benevolence -----	-----	-----
Aggregate -----	-----	35

NUMERICAL STATISTICS.

Associations	No. of Churches.	Bap- tisms.	Ex- cluded.	Died.	Re- stored.	Mem- bership.
Alexander	17	67	16	13	4	2,328
Alleghany and Grayson	10					370
Ashe County	28	64	24	9	41	1,412
Atlantic	44	199	40	37	14	2,762
Beulah	10	26	11	7	4	816
Bladen	28	36	54	18	19	1,851
Brier Creek	32	167	25	26	13	3,304
Brushy Mountain	18	54	33	16	7	1,448
Caldwell	26	165	26	22	23	2,039
Cape Fear	44	122	54	17	32	2,361
Catawba River	29	60	41	8	9	2,319
Cedar Creek	15	77	31	13	10	1,834
Central	26	254	65	32	50	3,226
Chowan	53	162	80	50	24	8,352
Columbus	18	51	42	14	19	1,554
Eastern	61	172	182	72	37	6,189
Elkin	27	94	15	13	11	1,499
Flat River	34	144	64	39	18	4,123
French Broad	26	243	97	38	14	3,079
Green River	42	158	44	43	31	3,879
Kings Mountain	33	260	74	40	22	5,278
Liberty	24	100	27	32	9	2,244
Little River	24	39	71	22	5	2,183
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	20	225	35	17	27	1,720
Mitchell County	27	172	67	19	53	2,407
Montgomery	15	72	8	10		937
Mt. Zion	42	261	110	65	23	5,447
Pee Dee	27	59	33	22	11	2,397
Piedmont	17	67	25	12	5	1,557
Pilot Mountain	41	237	60	39		3,902
Raleigh	50	318	105	53	32	5,156
Robeson	39	195	87	41	53	4,090
Sandy Creek	37	108	30	30		3,149
Sandy Run	24	173	41		24	3,983
South Fork	35	272	49	30	23	3,443
South River	31	94	63	10	65	2,966
South Yadkin	27	114	73	29	24	2,092
Stanly	22	79	32	20	4	1,610
Stone Mountain	8					592
Stony Fork	14	40	38	8	5	942
Tar River	77	522	107	68	41	7,711
Three Forks	32	152	104	29	25	2,728
Union	30	157	72	32	17	3,130
West Chowan	47	614	104	100	137	9,279
Yadkin	34	226	51	32	19	3,020
Yancey	23	73	28	25	13	2,366
Total	1,288	8,864	2,438	1,262	1,017	147,974

Year.	Place of Meeting.	President.	Recording Secretaries.
1830	Greenville, Pitt County	Patrick W. Dowd	R. S. Blount
1831	Rogers' X Roads, Wake County	Patrick W. Dowd	N. G. Smith
1832	Reeve's Chapel, Chatham County	Wm. P. Biddle	A. J. Battle
1833	Cartledge's Creek, Richmond Co.	Wm. P. Biddle	Amos J. Battle
1834	Cashie, Bertie County	Alfred Dockery	Amos J. Battle
1835	Union Camp Ground, Rowan Co.	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1836	County Line, Caswell County	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1837	May's Chapel, Chatham County	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1838	Brown's, Sampson County	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1839	Grassy Creek, Granville County	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1840	Johnston-Liberty, Johnston Co.	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1841	Johnston-Liberty, Johnston Co.	Alfred Dockery	James McDaniel
1842	Meherin, Hertford County	Thomas Meredith	J. J. Finch
1843	Boiling Springs, Henderson Co.	Thomas Meredith	J. J. Finch
1844	Raleigh	Alfred Dockery	John B. White
1845	Raleigh	Thomas Meredith	J. J. Finch
1846	Raleigh	Thomas Meredith	J. J. Finch
1847	Friendship, Cumberland County	Alfred Dockery	N. J. Palmer
1848	Rockford, Surry County	Alfred Dockery	N. J. Palmer
1849	Oxford	James McDaniel	N. J. Palmer
1850	Louisburg	James McDaniel	N. J. Palmer
1851	Wilmington	James McDaniel	N. J. Palmer
1852	Smithfield	James McDaniel	N. J. Palmer
1853	Newbern	James McDaniel	N. J. Palmer
1854	Fayetteville	James McDaniel	A. McDowell
1855	Warrenton	James McDaniel	George W. Johnston
1856	Raleigh	James McDaniel	J. B. Solomon
1857	Hertford	James McDaniel	J. B. Solomon
1858	Raleigh	James McDaniel	J. B. Solomon
1859	Charlotte	James McDaniel	J. B. Solomon
1860	Goldsboro	James McDaniel	W. T. Brooks
1861	Raleigh	James McDaniel	W. T. Brooks
1862	Wake Forest	James McDaniel	J. D. Hufham
1863	Raleigh	James McDaniel	J. D. Hufham, T. J. Knapp, Ass't
1864	Warrenton	James McDaniel	J. D. Hufham
1865	Forestville	James McDaniel	J. D. Hufham, C. E. Dunn, Ass't
1866	Raleigh	James McDaniel	J. D. Hufham, W. J. Palmer
1867	Wilmington	James McDaniel	J. D. Hufham, T. M. Hughes
1867	Goldsboro	James McDaniel	J. L. Carroll, G. W. Sanderlin
1868	Hillsboro	Samuel G. Mason	J. L. Carroll, G. W. Sanderlin
1869	Newbern	W. T. Brooks	J. L. Carroll, G. W. Sanderlin
1870	Raleigh	W. T. Brooks	J. L. Carroll, G. W. Sanderlin
1871	Charlotte	W. T. Brooks	N. B. Cobb, N. B. Broughton
1872	Fayetteville	W. T. Brooks	N. B. Cobb, N. B. Broughton
1873	Warrenton	W. T. Brooks	N. B. Cobb, C. M. Cooke
1874	Wilmington	J. M. Heck	N. B. Cobb, F. R. Underwood
1875	Shelby	John Kerr	J. D. Hufham, F. R. Underwood
1876	Raleigh	C. M. Cooke	J. D. Hufham, F. R. Underwood
1877	Durham	John Kerr	J. D. Hufham, Wm. Biggs
1878	Charlotte	Wm. A. Graham, Jr.	Wm. Biggs, George W. Greene
1879	Oxford	Needham B. Cobb	Wm. Biggs, N. L. Shaw
1880	Goldsboro	Needham B. Cobb	Wm. Biggs, N. B. Broughton
1881	Winstou	Needham B. Cobb	Wm. Biggs, W. L. Wright
1882	Warrenton	J. C. Scarborough	N. B. Broughton, N. L. Shaw
1883	Edenton	J. C. Scarborough	N. B. Broughton, N. L. Shaw
1884	Raleigh	J. C. Scarborough	N. B. Broughton, N. L. Shaw
1885	Reidsville	C. T. Bailey	N. B. Broughton, G. W. Greene
1886	Wilmington	C. T. Bailey	N. B. Broughton, G. W. Greene
1887	Durham	W. H. Pace	N. B. Broughton, G. W. Greene
1888	Greenboro	W. H. Pace	N. B. Broughton, G. W. Greene
1889	Henderson	L. L. Polk	N. B. Broughton, G. W. Greene
1890	Shelby	L. L. Polk	N. B. Broughton, G. W. Greene
1891	Goldsboro	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, N. B. Cobb
1892	Raleigh	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, N. B. Cobb
1893	Elizabeth City	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, N. B. Cobb
1894	Charlotte	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, N. B. Cobb
1895	Greenboro	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, N. B. Cobb
1896	Morganton	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, H. C. Moore
1897	Oxford	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, H. C. Moore
1898	Greenville	R. H. Marsh	N. B. Broughton, H. C. Moore

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Armstrong	Henry Austin	John Armstrong.
Armstrong	Henry Austin	Wm. P. Biddle.
Armstrong	Charles McAlister	David S. Williams.
Armstrong	Charles McAlister	(Minutes mutilated.)
Armstrong	William Roles	John Kerr.
Armstrong	Amos J. Battle	John Armstrong.
Hill Jordan	Amos J. Battle	
Hill Jordan	Amos J. Battle	James S. Mims.
Hill Jordan	Amos J. Battle	John Armstrong.
Hill Jordan	Amos J. Battle	J. J. Finch.
Hill Jordan	Amos J. Battle	Wm. Hill Jordau.
Hill Jordan	James S. Purefoy	J. J. Finch.
Hill Jordan	James S. Purefoy	Eli Phillips.
Heeler	James S. Purefoy	R. McNabb.
inch	James S. Purefoy	G. M. Thompson.
inch	James S. Purefoy	W. T. Brooks.
inch	James S. Purefoy	J. S. Purefoy.
mes	James S. Purefoy	David S. Williams.
Shaw	James S. Purefoy	C. R. Hendrickson.
H. Lacy	James S. Purefoy	John B. White.
H. Lacy	James S. Purefoy	Wm. Hooper.
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Wingate	James S. Purefoy	(President reviewed history of Convention.)
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Imerson	James S. Purefoy	J. S. Walthall.
Farable	S. S. Biddle	H. Petty.
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Cobb, Supt. Army Miss. and Colp.	James S. Purefoy	(No record.)
Cobb	James S. Purefoy	
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Iufham	John G. Williams	J. C. Hiden.
Iufham	John G. Williams	R. H. Marsh.
Richardson	John G. Williams	C. T. Bailey.
Richardson	John G. Williams	H. A. Brown.
Richardson	John G. Williams	T. W. Babb
Richardson	N. B. Broughton	(No record.)
	Jordan Wouble, Jr.	J. A. Mundy.
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E. Ray	B. F. Montague	F. H. Jones.
E. Ray	B. F. Montague	T. E. Skinner.
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E. Ray	John T. Pullen	C. A. Jenkins.
E. Ray	John T. Pullen	J. M. McManaway.
E. Ray	T. H. Briggs	R. T. Vann.
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Arham	W. S. Grandy	B. Cade
Arham	J. D. Boushall	J. S. Dill.
Arham	J. D. Boushall	T. H. Pritchard.
Arham	J. D. Boushall	Thomas Hume.
Arham	J. D. Boushall	J. S. Hardaway.
Arham	J. D. Boushall	J. W. Carter.
Arham	J. D. Boushall	T. J. Taylor.
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